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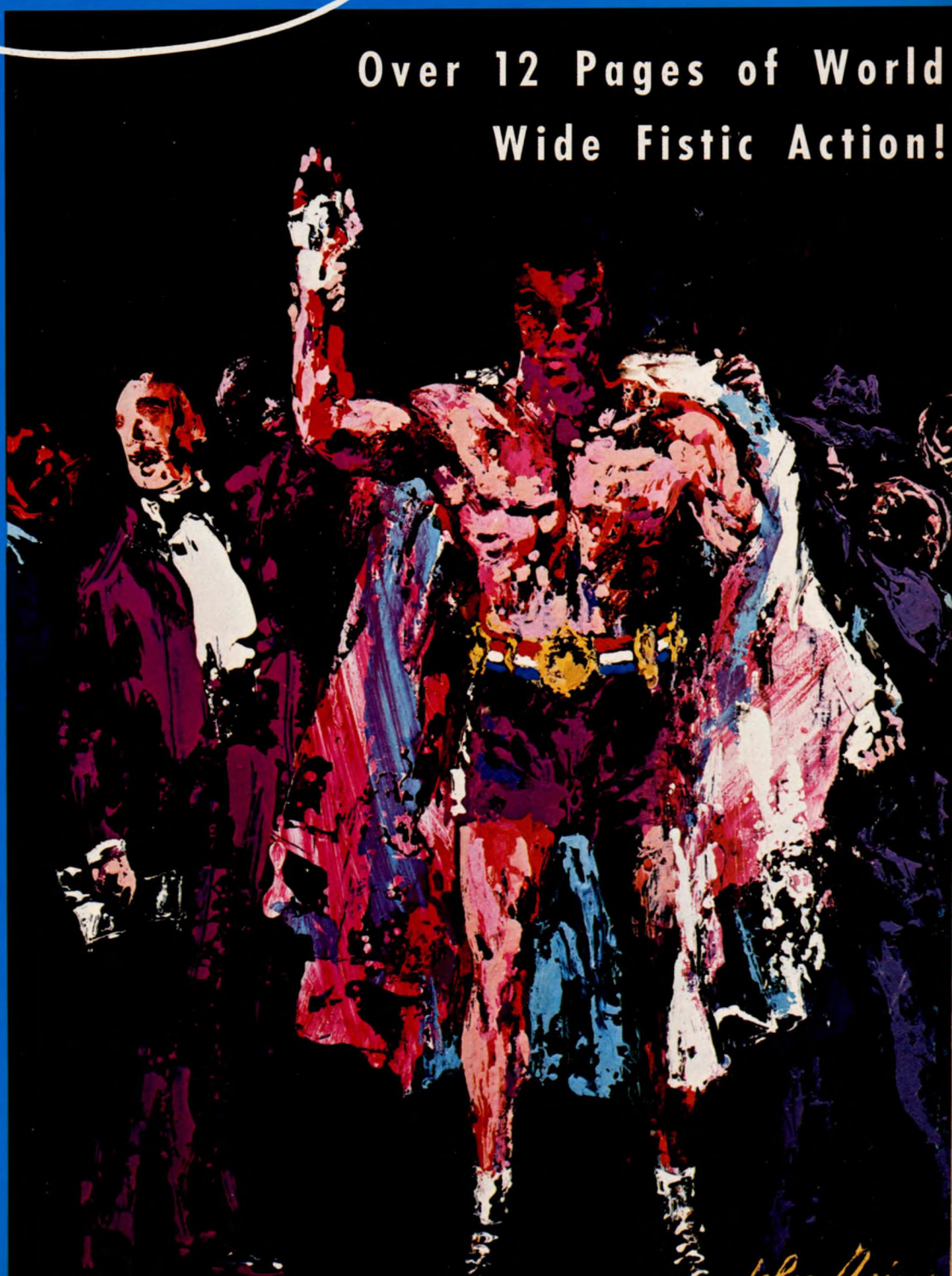

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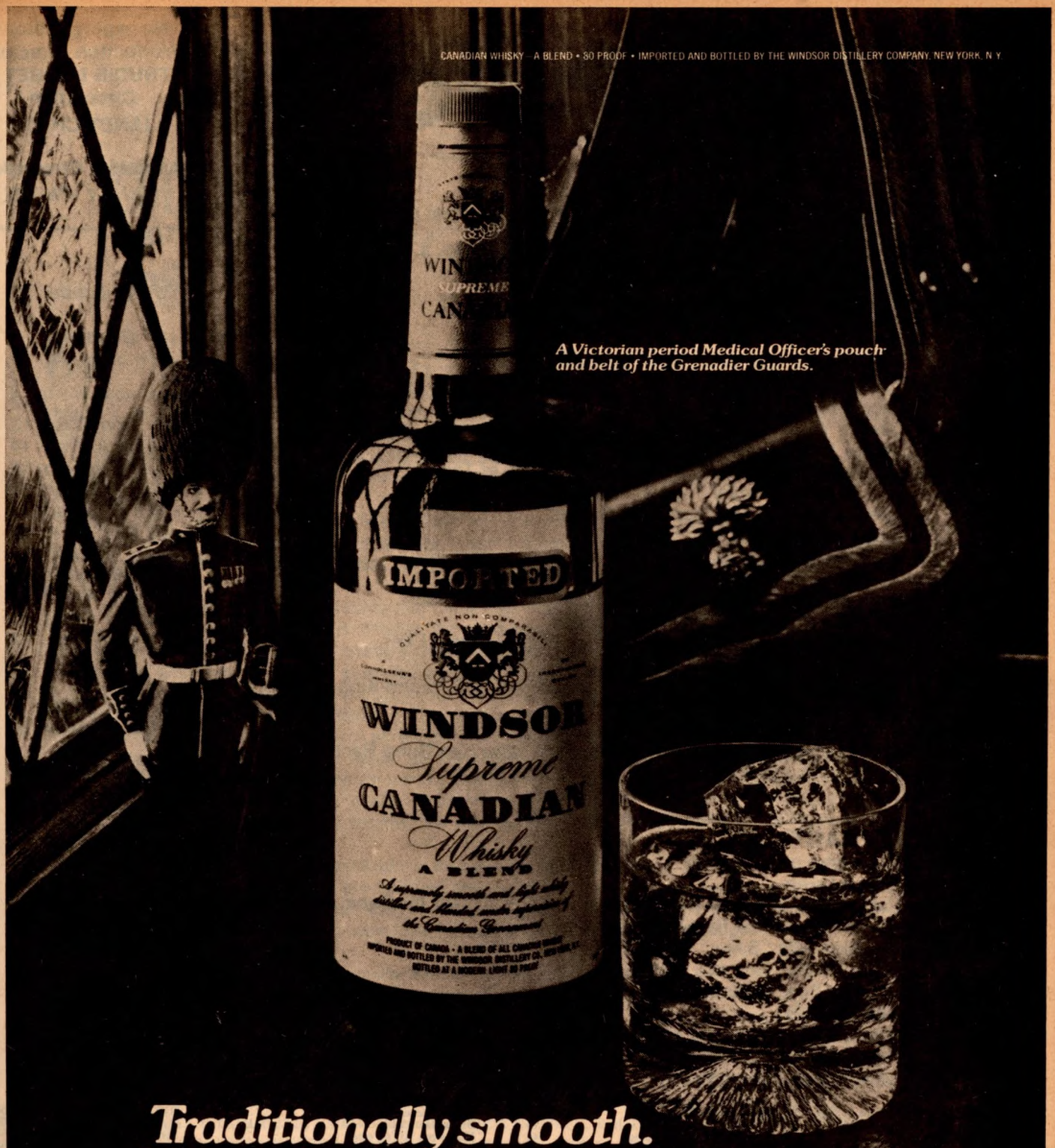

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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THERE is probably no more potent item in the world than the formulating and rendering of a decision. All of the mental and physical abilities are pressed into service to come to a proper decision. In the world of boxing, a decision is the basis of the entire structure of the sport, and all of the above elements utilized in giving a decision on a fight must be founded on something called integrity.

In over three decades of covering boxing I have seen more bad decisions than I would like to have, but for every decision which was rendered with poor judgement, I have seen thousands of fights with decisions that were undoubtedly correct.

In my three decades of covering boxing I have never been privy to any proof that any decision was dishonest. I have heard rumors and "bad mouthing," but I have never seen any proof. The nearest to anything which could be called a "fix" appeared in Jake LaMotta's book in which he wrote about a "set up" in his bout with Billy Fox.

Part of the problem in modern boxing that causes the big uproar over a poor decision is that in most cases thousands or even millions of fans witness the misjudgement and are irritated, rightfully, by a feeling of frustration when they are forced to swallow an unpalatable decision that they witness on their televisions.

Most of us are prone to take the good decisions for granted, while a bad decision grinds away. It seems that we rarely write about anything good in life, but we all are fairly sure to burn when we are forced to see and listen to anything which we feel is unfair.

There is rarely a justified question of integrity on the part of any of the officials, but often one gets the idea that the judges and the referee should get their eyes examined. There is another problem. A new monster is slowly making inroads and beginning to take over all of the facets of boxing including promoting, and that monster is the force television is exerting. It presents an entirely new set of problems for those of us connected with boxing, as well as for the fan who pays the freight by watching the yards of commercials which make a program profitable.

Some of the bad decisions rendered and witnessed on video are due to the pressures inflicted through the powerful television forces or other promotional organizations which leave a feeling with an official that if he votes against a fighter who is considered a "house fighter" that the powers that be will request that that official not be used again. In most cases, the official who allows his or her judgement to be swayed does so unconciously.

Another source of bad decisions is the normal mental process that lies within most of us who witness a contest, namely a prejudgement as to who is the better man and who we think will win. It is hard for anyone at ringside or watching on video, or an offical voting on a match, to divorce himself completely from preconceived judgement. No one likes to admit that his pre-fight judgements are wrong, and we all are bound, I believe, to be bent a little by this prejudgement.

Officials will say that when they climb in a ring or are seated at ringside in a judges chair that they disregard all previous thoughts and only objectively score what they see. Maybe so. But do they?

There are many pressure that exert themselves upon officials, but these are worse with the advent of television networks becoming promoters as well as technicians, and in some cases even purchasing fighters who will fight exclusively for a certain network. There is little doubt but that having TV networks taking the places of promoters will bring to the public still more bad decisions and more bad fights.

Matches are made not only based on *The Ring Record Book,* but also upon the style each fighter. What the resulting contest will be based upon will be a working knowledge of the athletes whose services are being employed.

Television does not have the ability to take over as promoters. As in most businesses, the knowledge needed to be a matchmaker does not come easily or quickly, and the number of capable people in the field at this writing can be counted on one's fingers.

With the growing interest in boxing by the networks it should be apparent that boxing will need more guidance than can be achieved by a state commission or any of the existing forms of control.

For years I have been beating the same dead horse by sounding off for a National Boxing Commission. As

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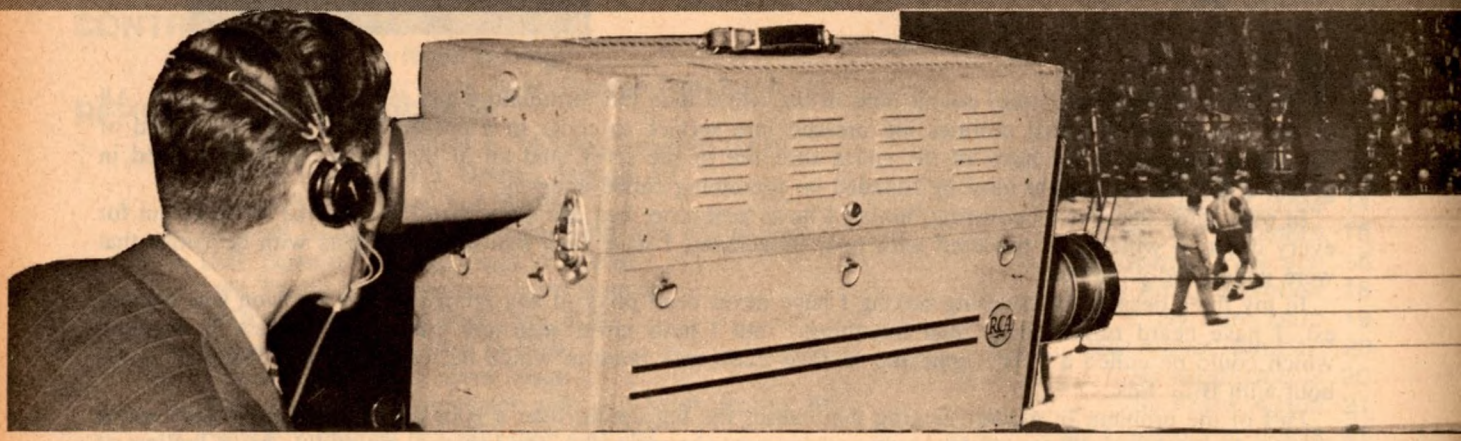
Does Television Need Boxing?



BIG-TIME TELEVISED BOXING IS BACK, AND IT IS GRABBING UP TALENT WITH BIG PAY DAYS; YOUNG MEN LIKE THE DARLING OF THE OLYMPICS, SUGAR RAY LEONARD, RIGHT.

By LESTER BROMBERG

A crackling, rough-toned voice came over the air about 20 years ago. "Today the National Broadcasting Company severed its final link to TV boxing," said the announcer, "our company is directing our attorneys to terminate the Gillette Safety Razor contract to broadcast fights: recent revelations by the Kefauver Committee investigating boxing show direct links between mobsters and the fight."

That was a rough statement. And the symbolic washing clean of hands by the holier-than-thou elements of NBC meant that the NBC and the Columbia Broadcasting System were effecting a complete blackout of fights. The baby-faced American Broadcasting Company wasn't in fights at all.

Sure they were casting aside money. NBC had the time-honored Friday nights bouts at Madison Square Garden and CBS had the Wednesday bouts at various boxing centers. But the networks were turning immaculate, they had to for public appearances.

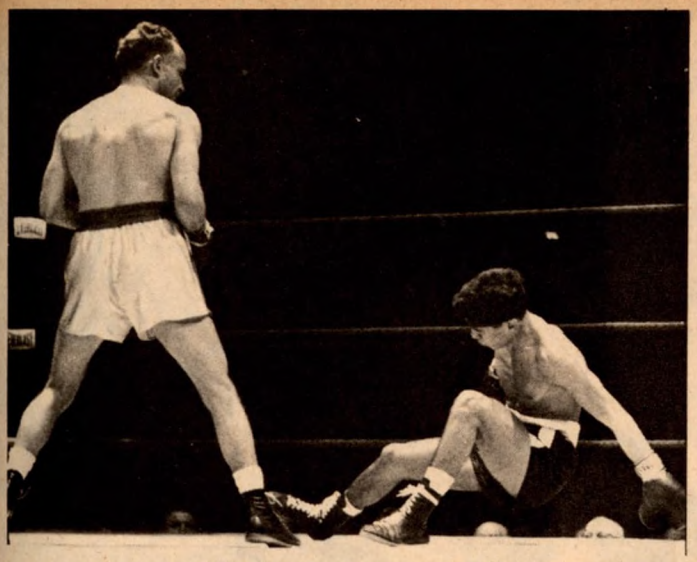
Certainly, it was a shame. Boxing at that time was dominating TV. Nobody in the sports realm really was close. Pro football was yet to become the Sunday pastime. Baseball only caused equal vibrations at the time of the World Series.

With boxing banished, TV planners had to look for new dramatics in the sports realm. But the substitutes didn't fill the bill. And the loss of TV's gold was best remembered by the fighters who weren't getting it.

Promoters, who had been living on TV, suddenly found their well dry. They looked for other sources. They found it somewhat in closed circuit TV in theaters or at arenas. Occasionally still used by promoters today, it never had been a thoroughly satisfactory medium. **ONE,** it never had developed a healthy scale of prices. (It has been too high for the average customer. Customer-resistance developed at the box office.) **TWO,** This was a serious problem, the arenas, with their many entrances and exits, developed mysterious ticket leakages.

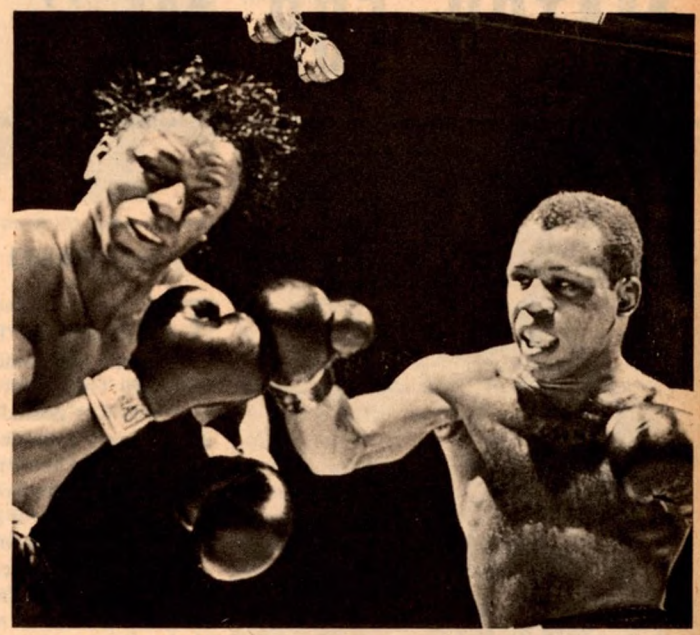
Moreover, closed circuit did nothing for the smaller classes in boxing. You never could find smaller men's matches big enough to fit into closed circuit. Therefore, the closed circuit market could only deal with inflated prices, an impossible situation.

Down at the level of grass roots' boxing, the fifties and sixties were an era of emptiness. They couldn't build anything in their little clubs. But they plugged along.



Touted as the battle of the intellectuals, the fight between Chuck Davey, left, and Chico Vejar, right, in which Davey was awarded a ten round decision, was televised in 1952.

Television has pushed boxing stars as ringside commentators. This breed includes Jerry Quarry, right, who has appeared on CBS, and George Foreman, who has appeared on ABC.



Underdog Ralph "Tiger" Jones, right, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Bratton, left, as fans comfortably watched on their home TVs back in the 1950's.

If one had to pick out one development standing out as lifting up the fight game it had to be the rise of Cassius Clay, or Muhammad Ali. He attracted the whole nation by his fresh, unspoiled, cocky attitude. The fact that he also could fight a bit didn't hurt one bit.

And significantly, the TV networks became interested in Ali as a personality. Let's not forget, they had been looking for a substitute for boxing as it was in the pre-Kefauver days. . .Now they had someone new and in tune with the times. And they couldn't get enough of him.

Coincidentally, the TV executives forgot the criminal elements, or they simply ignored the possibility that they might be there under the rug. And they eventually developed a $25 million a year business. What did they do originally? Five million a year.

Individually, the battle of TV leadership developed into a two-horse race in the last few years. It was ABC, which had become a red-hot factor in sports broadcasting, and CBS in second place, with NBC largely out of the running. An element which should be remembered is the growth of weekend sports programs. ABC was first, putting Howard Cosell brassily before a mike, in which he served as a sports editor of a 'sports page.' Then CBS got the same idea. It served up a weekend sport page, featuring Tom Brookshier, Jerry Quarry.

When these programs lacked novelties (and they soon ran out), they began looking for plain fights. ABC and CBS were quick with a buck. By the time this trend had been established in the seventies, orthodox promoters of boxing realized it was growing past them. Teddy Brenner, of Madison Square Garden, complained, "It's real inflation. I make a card of three tens, calculating how much I can draw (without TV). Suddenly a bout falls out. Why? ABC wants Joe Agosto to be an opponent for George Foreman and they'll pay three times as much."

For fighters that can't be all bad. But TV pickers and choosers are on a collision course, various packagers of TV matches insist. "We try to advise them," explains Irwin Rosee, a veteran, knowing independent operative. "But they have developed strange ideas of their own. We try to think of bringing along young fighters. Any old match on paper doesn't work out. They're just going to hit the bottom of the barrel."

It may be that the fight game is broader and wider than the old-line planners today realize. There is a global explosion in boxing. For example, there are two organizations governing the game. The World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council. There are conflicting areas and, since each recognizes its own champions, we have double the number of world champions! It may lead to some confusion, but it also is the source of greater action, more matches, more pay-nights, etc.

The big world expansion is coming. TV satellites have doubled and tripled the number of fights seen in this country. Where there once was an occasional overseas bout, nowadays we have scads of them.

CBS in 1976 went to West Germany, Copenhagen, Denmark, and Puerto Rico. ABC the same year came from Manilla, the Philippines, London, Monte Carlo on the Riviera and other locations.

Constantly new places are opening up to satellite projection. In 1977 you'll probably see from South Africa a light heavyweight

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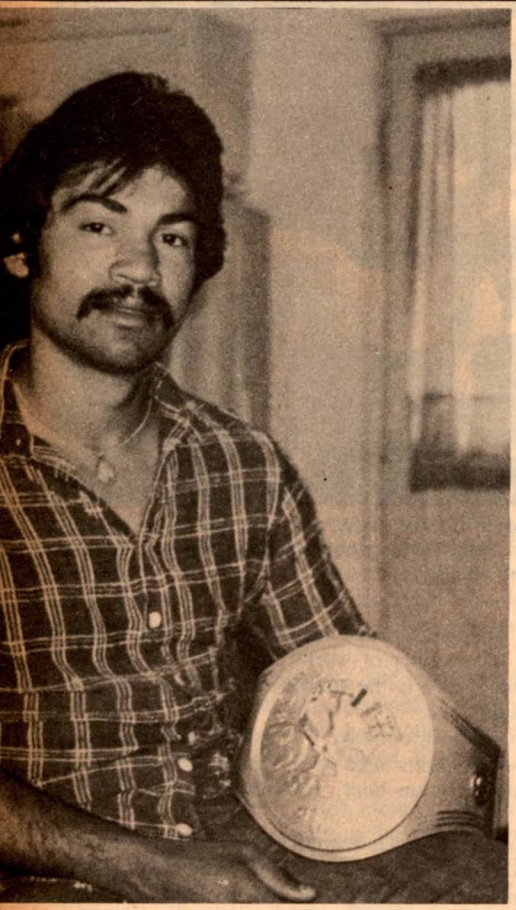
RING EXCLUSIVE:

PALOMINO SAYS, "DURAN, 135 POUND KING, IS NO MATCH FOR ME."



Palomino was a confident ring craftsman winning the welterweight title from John Stracey in London last June. Here he tags the Briton with a right in the elventh.

By HOWARD SIEGEL

This reporter for THE RING was recently invited into the home of W.B.C. world welterweight champion, Carlos Palomino. Carlos, who has posted a formidable record of 21 victories, a single loss and three draws on his way to the title, proved to be an educated and competent individual in his conversation and personality.

Palomino is one of the breed of champion who is college educated and intelligent. He received his B.A. from Cal State University at Long Beach in recreation administration and plans a career in city government after his fighting days have passed.

Before turning pro, Carlos compiled an amateur record of 31 wins and four losses. He twice fought Olympic Gold Medalist Sugar Ray Seales, each winning a split decision. Also while an amateur he fought the number two challenger to his W.B.C. crown, the tough Pete Ranzany. Each won a split decision. Carlos has come a long way since those amateur days. He has matured under the training and guidance of Noe Cruz and the excellent management of Jackie McCoy, who also handles top challengers Monroe Brooks and Albert "Superfly" Sandoval. Palomino, who defends his title for promoter Mickey Duff in England against the man from whom he took the title, John Stracey, is the proud father of a five-year-old daughter. Divorced for several years, Carlos presently lives with his parents while he waits to move into a home he recently purchased. Success in life is having foresight, not hindsight; Carlos Palomino is headed in that direction , making plans for tomorrow and carrying them through.

Ring: Congratualations on your first title defense against Mando Muniz. What kind of attack did you use in maintaining your title? Was it the same body attack you used to destroy Stracey? (Carlos KO'd Armando Muniz in the 15th round of their January title go.)

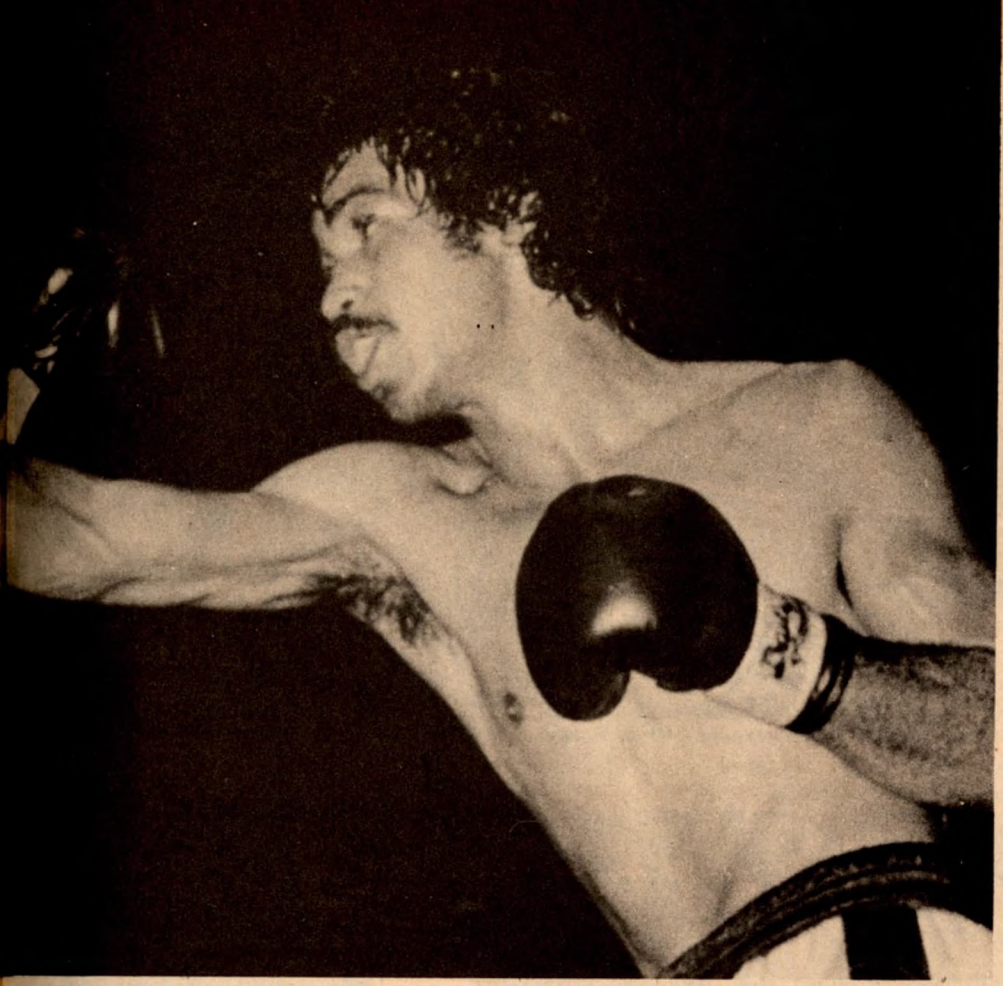
Champ: The body attack didn't work well because Muniz is a shorter fighter. The left hand was my major weapon. I used it pretty well, jabbed and un . . . uppercuts and the left hook.

Ring: Do you feel that you were in top condition for your title go with Muniz considering that the bout was delayed three times? (The title bout was actually five months later than the original date.)

Champ: The delays hurt me a little bit. I felt that was the reason I started kind of slow in the fight. I was in really good shape. I worked hard for that fight.

Ring: What kind of road work did you do?

Champ: I ran six miles a day, beginning at 5 am.



Carlos Palomino, holding his WBC championship belt, says he is ready to take on any welterweight in the world.

Ring: What kind of sparring did you do?

Champ: I started out with six rounds and worked up to fourteen a day. I usually did this in two sessions each day. Usually six in one session and eight in the other.

Ring: Would you compare Mando to Stracey from whom you won the title, as far as which was the tougher fight? The style of the two?

Champ: Well, the styles are similar, they both come in and are very aggressive. They are also very different, one is tall and a straight-up fighter (Stracey) and the other is short and comes in like a bull(Muniz). Muniz is much harder to hit than Stracey, because he's much shorter.

Ring: Did he hit harder than Stracey?

Champ: Yea . . . I felt he hit much harder than Stracey. Stracey punched a lot more, but Muniz has a lot more behind each shot.

Ring: If you were to fight Muniz again would you fight him in a different way?

Champ: No I think I would fight him the same way except that I would hope that I would get started a little earlier. The first five rounds I didn't ssem to be able to get going and do what I planned to do.

Ring: Word has it that you were a personal friend of Mando Muniz. Is that the case?

Champ: Well . . . we are friends, we have known each other since way back. When I started my amateur career he was just beginning his pro career. We have known each other pretty well. We haven't had a relationship where we have gone out together or anything like that, not a social relationship, but a mutual respect.

Ring: Have you sparred with him in the gym?

Champ: In the beginning when I first began my amateur career I worked with him quite a bit.

Ring: Since you won the title how has your life changed?

Champ: It's really hard to explain. A lot more friends; people are a lot more interested in me. I have gotten a lot more publicity as far as papers, local papers, are concerned. Since I won the title I have had quite good coverage. All of a sudden more people are interested in me.

Ring: Do you think that a lot of the people are interested in you just because you won a title or because of Carlos Palomino, the person?

Champ: No . . . . I feel it's because I won a title, but I have my old friends that I still go back to. As far as my social life, it's still the old people, the ones I have known since high school and junior high and those are my friends because I'm Carlos Palomino, not because I'm welterweight champion.

Ring: We know you're managed by Jackie McCoy who has to be considered one of the deans of boxing. But who actually trains you?

Champ: Well . . . my actual trainer is Noe Cruz,

Ring: Does Jackie (McCoy) have anything to do with your training, or is he strictly handling the business aspect of it, booking your fights, pairing you with those people he thinks your ready for and who'll make a good gate?

Champ: That's his major role, but he also does come down to the gym. We work together. All three of us work together and he helps quite a bit in the training. He helps a lot more since I won the title. As far as Noe (Cruz), I have been with him since the beginning and when he and Jackie came in, I really learned a lot. You never stop learning in this business.

Ring: How would you like to clear up the dual championship, and get into the ring with Jose Cuevas (WBA welter champ)?

Champ: Well . . . I would like to clear up the situation very much. I think it's bad for boxing having two champions, but I feel that unless the money is right I wouldn't be interested.

Ring: You and Cuevas have had one common opponent, Andy 'The Hawk' Price. Unfortunately that was your sole professional loss. Would you like to try and avenge that loss? Would it be worth a non-title encounter with Mr. Price? (Price also holds a decision win over Cuevas.)

Champ: I have to look at things relalistically. I lost a fight to him when I was first starting my professional career. It was my first main event, a ten-rounder. I was green and fresh and I lost the decision. I don't feel a rematch with him to try and avenge an early loss will accomplish anything. I don't think I could make any money on it, and I'm in this business to make money, not because of my love for it.

Ring: Your next fight by contract is a return in London with Stracey. How will you approach that match?

Champ: I'll approach it the same as I did the first time. I'll work hard and get into the best shape possible. I'll fight the same type of fight. I don't feel that I should change anything. He's not going to change his style after some fifty pro fights. I don't feel that the rematch will be any different.

Ring: Do you think it will go the distance?

Champ: I don't.

Ring: Do you think you'll be able to put him away again?

Champ: Yes.

Ring: Do you have much more confidence in a rematch, considering you already scored a T.K.O. over Stracey?

Champ: When I went over there the first time nobody gave me much of a chance to win. I was very confident. I'd seen him in two films and I was very high on myself. I knew that I could beat him. His style was

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Heavyweight Jimmy Young stands over former number one contender George Foreman in what was the only knockdown of the San Juan bout.

The Experts Ask: What Now, George Foreman?

By JOHN ORT

RINGSIDE, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—Jimmy Young, 213, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shocked the boxing world with a 12 round nod over former heavyweight champion George Foreman of Marshall, Texas.

Foreman came into the bout at 229 and left after the 12th round a beaten and dehydrated man. He went straight to Presbyterian Hospital where he was examined twice by Chief neurosurgeon Jorge Davila, who diagnosed a slight brain concussion and ordered George be placed under observation for 24 hours. Foreman was transferred from the intensive care unit to a private room, and he decided to leave for the States the next day after breakfast.

While in the hospital George made a statement. "I took at least eight of the 12 rounds, but lost anyway because the judges went with the crowd."

He said the reason for his dehydration was due to the drying out procedures he used a couple of days before the bout. "With the extreme heat and humidity, I just lost too much liquid."

Getting back to the fight, Foreman went on: "I know that the first seven rounds were totally mine. I know I won without a doubt the 10th round, so that's eight rounds right there. It only leaves four rounds for him.

"I'm not sure what kind of judging procedures were used," Foreman said. "I know that the crowd automatically took to the guy Young."

As for the knockdown in the 12th, George stated, "That was a slip. As soon as I went down I got right up, and went after him."

Asked about Young's style George went on: "He boxed the kind of fight I thought he would. He leaned in and complained to the judges and the referee. I couldn't understand the attitude of the referee at all. The man was leaning against me—all that could be was an intentional butt." Asked about the third round when referee Waldemar Schimidt took away a point from him, Foreman said, "He put his head in there and I had to push his head away. I was surprised when the referee started to take away points."

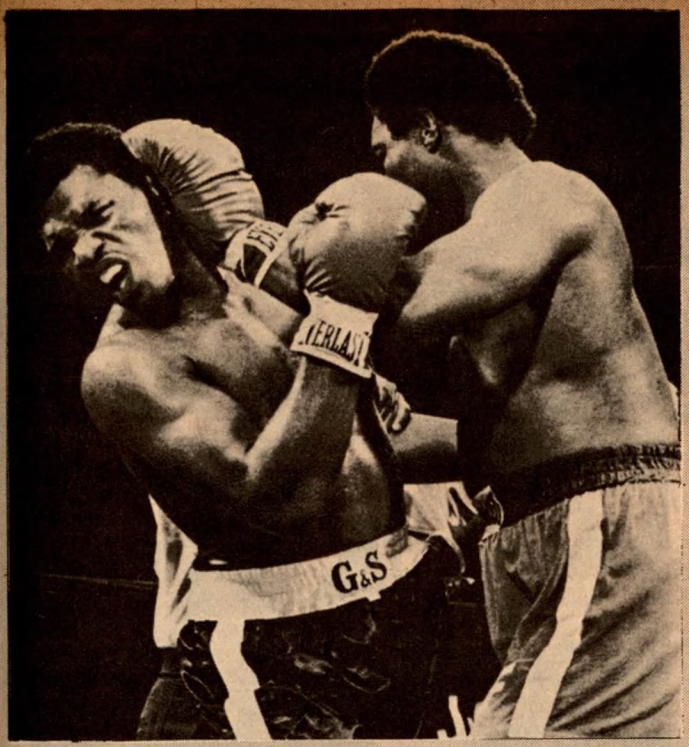
What's in the future in Foreman's eyes? "I'll play it by ear," was the reply.

For Jimmy Young it was a dream come true. He is finally No-1 in the world and is knocking at the door of Muhammad Ali, to whom he lost a close 15 round nod at Landover, Maryland, in 1976. Most of the crowd and press felt that Jimmy won the bout.

The contest in Puerto Rico started slowly with Foreman following Young around the ring, but not cutting off the ring on his fast moving foe. Each round Jimmy survived, the more confident he became.

After the sixth round Young put up his hands in a victory style. This was a bit to soon because in round seven George opened up with everything he had and landed a big left hook to the forehead, followed by a right which hurt Young badly. Jimmy used every trick in the book to last out the round.

Getting back to the first six rounds, George did little more than hold, grab, and wrestle in his efforts to corner Young.



(Above left) Young winces as Foreman pushes him away in round two of the 12 round bout. (Above right) George receives a pounding in the final round of the bout which ended with a unanimous win for Philadelphia's Young. Jimmy went into the fight as the underdog.

At the end of the seventh round Young came off the ropes to stagger the now tired Foreman. From this point on the crowd got behind the underdog yelling, "Jimmy Yung, Jimmy Yung." Jimmy stated, "When I heard the crowd shout my name I woke up. The people are great. I've never been cheered like this before and it made me feel good."

George looked very tired in the eighth and ninth rounds. Young came back like gang busters, moving in and out, landing short rights to the head and body of George.

Foreman tried to end it in the tenth round, but could not land the big blow to turn the bout around. Instead, he punched himself out and let Young come back toward the end of the frame.

The last two rounds Jimmy Young won big. He landed what looked to be a short right to the head which caught George turning away, and he fell to one knee and took an eight-count for the only knockdown of the fight.

The scoring of the contest as follows: Referee Schmidt had it 118-111, and the judges saw it 116-112 and 115-114, all for Young.

A local co-feature starred W.B.C. junior lightweight king Alfredo Escalera. He met Baltimore's Ronnie McGarvery in a title match.

McGarvery was just to small for the hard hitting snake charmer. Alfredo halted him in the sixth round of their title contest, but Ronnie was game every inch of the way.

The southpaw McGarvey gave it all he had. He slugged it out with the champ, but his blows were not hard enough to keep Escalera at bay.

Ronnie was hurt by two cuts over each eye from the fourth round on. Alfredo was cut in the fifth round.

The end came at 2:03 of the sixth round after Ronnie tried to get

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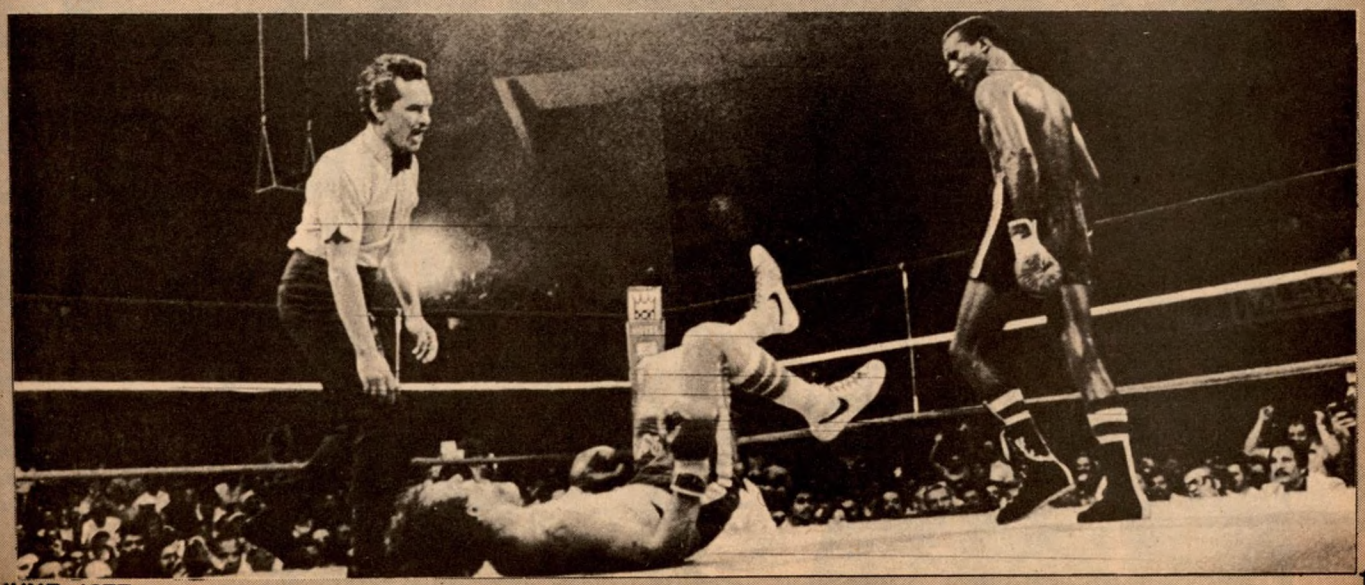
WBC Jr. lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, walks to a neutral corner as Referee Abraham Chevaria rushes in to start the count over Ronnie McGarvey in the sixth and final round. The southpaw from Baltimore came to fight, but Escalera was just too strong for him.



Castellini Loses World Jr. Middle Crown to Gazo

NICARAGUAN Eddie Gazon won a unanimous 15 round decision in Managua before a crowd of over 8,000 people who viewed the bout in Managua's partially destroyed National Baseball Stadium. The stadium was hit by the 1973 earthquake in that country, and portions of the outfield bleachers and grandstand were leveled at the time.

The Champion of the world for the WBA, Miguel Angel Castellini, of Argentina, came to Managua to defend his title for the first time since winning it in Spain against Jose Duran last November. He was a heavy favorite to beat Gazo. Even among all the Niacraguan sportswriters and broadcasters very few people gave Gazo a chance of making it past the fifth round, as Castellini has had over 70 pro fights, is 30 years old, with much more experience than challenger, Gazo.

The fight, itself, was not what one would consider a great championship fight, but for the local crowd, with Gazo serving as the agressor throughout, and landing the more powerful blows, it was a

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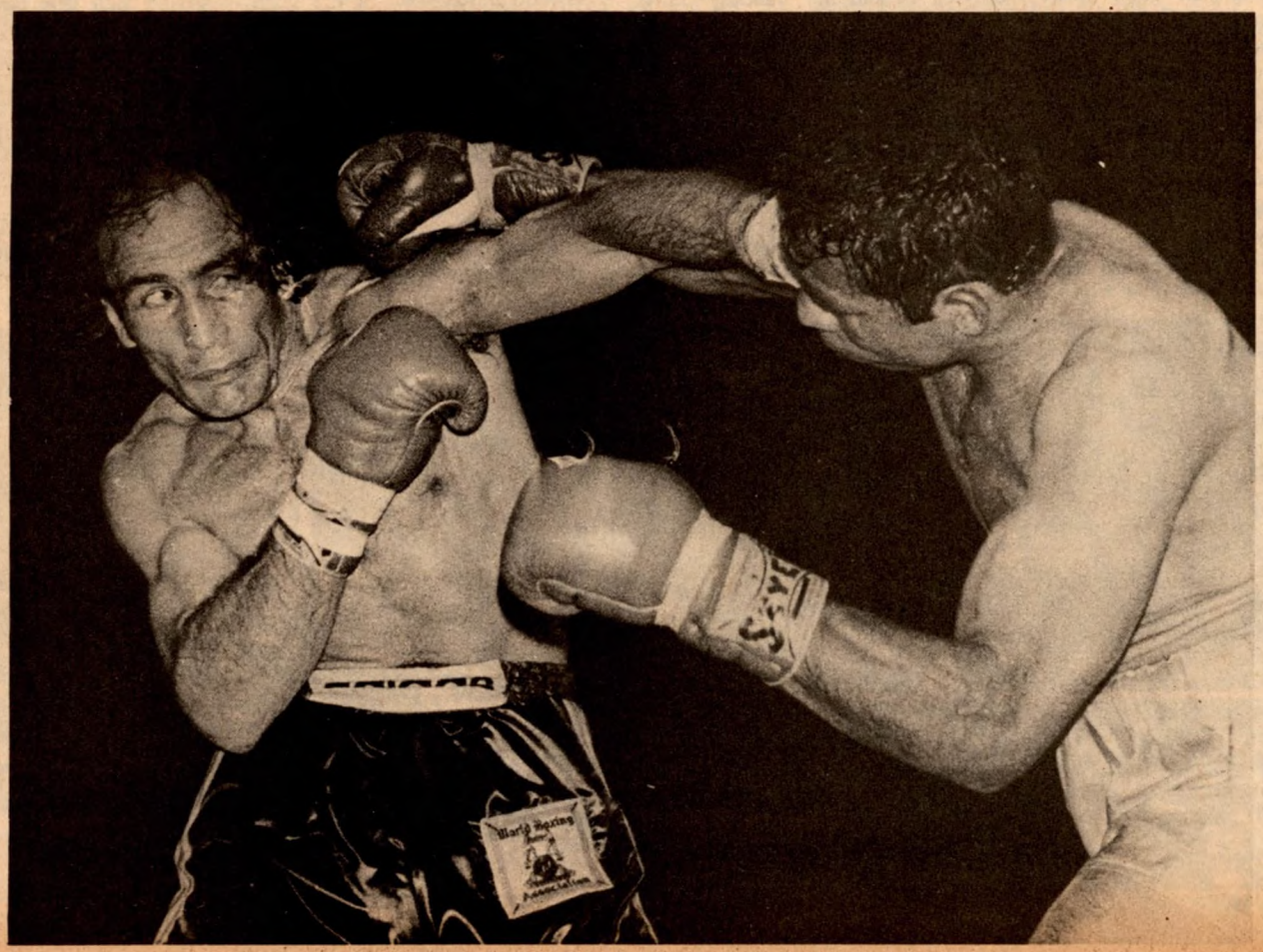
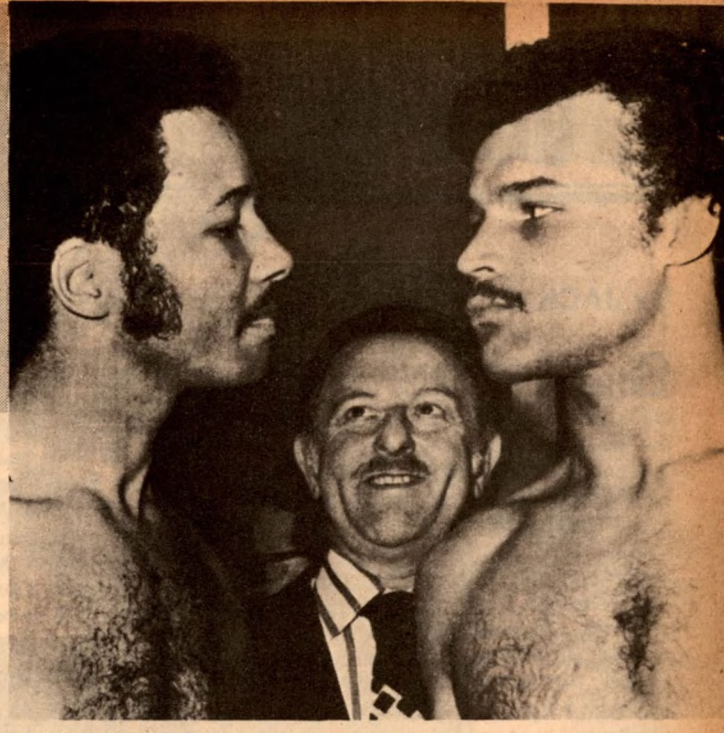
(Above) Miguel Angel Castellini is seen with his wife, Gloria. (Below) Defending world Jr. middle king, Castellini, Argentina, connects with a left to the head of Eddie Gazo, Nicaragua, in the course of their Managua title-bout. Gazo won a unanimous decision over 15 rounds.



CONTEH WINS BY KO, SPINKS SCORES #2

By RON OLVER



(Above) WBC light heavyweight king John Conteh, right, Britain, took out Len Hutchins, left, Detroit, at 1:05 of round three of their Liverpool title-fight. Hutchins suffered a cut by the left eye from a clash of heads in round one. (Below) Michael Spinks raises the hand of his brother, Leon, after the latter knocked out Peter Freeman, Britain, in round one. Both brothers were Olympic Gold Medalists.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM—After months of frustration, wondering who he would fight, where, and for whom, John Conteh successfully defended his world light heavyweight title against American Len Hutchins, 173¾, referee Sid Nathan intervening after one minute five seconds, of the third round, Hutchins having been decked from a left hook.

Hutchins was substituting for Argentinian Miguel Cuello, who was injured. Before the first match had been secured for Liverpool there had been controversy as to who was Cuello's rightful manager, and whether the contracts on behalf of the Argentinian were in order.

Contrary to the usual run of things, it wasn't a regular promoter of top British shows who secured this one, but a Liverpool businessman named Manny Goodall. Conteh was thus given the opportunity to box in his home-town for only the second time in his professional career.

Even after Hutchins had been accepted as a substitute, Manny's troubles were not over. It was alleged that Liverpool Stadium was in no fit state to stage a world title-fight. Complaints were made of holes in the roof, damaged seats, shortage of toilet facilities, and general dirt and litter. City building surveyor Jack Bennett then gave promoter Goodall and ultimatum—"Get the repairs done within a stipulated period, or no fight."

The repairs were done. The cost has been estimated at £10,000, but this is unconfirmed. The point is that the promoter did everything in his power to ensure the fight went on.

A capacity of 3,800 saw the fight, but the attendance wasn't important from the financial point of view. The fight was made possible by the ancillaries, namely the televising direct to the United States, and for home consumption later the same night.

M.C. Nat Basso took the unusual step of introducing from the ring the promoter and the matchmaker (Tommy Miller).

Then it was on with the action, and champion Conteh, 175, wasted no time. He jabbed accurately and hard with his left, but didn't immediately bring his previously broken right hand into play.

When he did so, it inadvertently caused the injury that handicaped Hutchins thereafter. He tried a right that missed, went forward from the impetus, and there was a clash of heads.

Referee Nathan stopped the fight to warn both fighters, but the damage had been done, and Hutchins came out of it with a cut by the left eye, which looked bad.

At the end of the first round Hutchins' manager Hank Grooms called over referee Nathan to inspect the injury, complaining that it had been a deliberate butt.

Referee Nathan listened, and walked away, apparently without comment.

When the bell rang for the start of the second, Hutchin's cornermen were still in the ring. Conteh hesitated, the Americans seemed to take their time, but the champ was quickly at his man, and banging

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DAGGE BEATS HOPE, BUT BARELY

By JACK A. TREE

BERLIN—ECKHARD DAGGE is still the WBC junior middleweight champion of the world. He was held to a draw over fifteen bitter and hard rounds by Briton Maurice Hope at the Deutschlandhalle in Berlin. Referee, Dino Ambrosini, Italy, made it a draw, 145-145, with judge, Harry Gibbs (GB) scoring in favor of his fellow countryman, 145-142, and judge Kurt Halbach, Germany, having Dagge in front by 145-144. My scorecard made Hope the winner, 145-143.

Dagge fought the battle of his life and he has never boxed so well. But it was not until the second half of the battle that he partly conquered Hope's southpaw stance. The challenger's right jab was a wicked weapon that stung like a bee and puffed up both of Dagge's eyes. Dagge, it could be said, was fortunate to win this one, but it would have been perhaps equally unfair to have taken his title away after such a performance worthy of a champion. For me, Hope had it in the bag with a couple of points to spare, but as challenger and fighting in the German's backyard he just had to accept the consolation prize. Had the bout taken place in London it would have been Dagge crying "home town decision." I would say that Hope gave the champion a tougher fight than either Elisha Obed, from whom Dagge won the crown, or Emile Griffith, against whom the German made a successful defense.

It was a bitter duel from start to finish and was one of the best seen in many a year here in Germany. A crowd of some 9000 often stood up and applauded these two men who were giving their all. Seats were expensive, ringside at DM500, but the fight was worth even more and the boxers collected their largest purse to date—and were entitled to every cent of it.

Italian-Australian Rocky Mattioli was at ringside and made Hope the winner. Mattioli is Dagge's next challenger, and they must meet within 90 days. Rocky said he thought he could beat Dagge.

Dagge on three occasions hurt Hope with a hard right, but he failed to follow up and finish the job. He let his man off the hook, and Hope was soon back in the picture jabbing to the face with his right. It was the same pattern round after round with Hope jabbing to the face and Dagge picking off his challenger with good, but far too few, right handers. Every punch the champion did land had its effect on Hope who had probably never experienced such devastating blows before in his career. But Dagge let his challenger dictate the fight, at times he let his left hang low, and although he was taller and had a longer reach, Hope still landed with little trouble to the German's face.

I thought the champion would be too strong for Hope and would finish the bout in the last five rounds. I was not unduly worried when the Briton made the running in the early rounds, but when Dagge came into the scene later in the event and still failed to deck his man, I expected the worst. I win for Dagge had to be by way of KO when he came out for round twelve with only minutes of fighting time left to achieve this. I knew he would not make it, and perhaps Eckhard Dagge also knew that the tide was running out.

Germany's Eckhard Dagge's hand is raised in victory by manager Willy Zeller after Dagge's grueling battle with England's Maurice Hope in defense of the WBC Jr. middle title in Berlin.

Maurice Hope returns to Britain knowing in his own mind that he had a little to spare over the champion in the opinion of some critics. He only collected half of the points for his effort, but this will surely help him to earn more than he has done in the past. A purse of $25,000 is quite a nice reward for leaving the ring all square with a world champion.

Those who expected to see the fight at home in their arm chairs were out of luck. It was not the price the promoter was asking, it was the time of showing that could not be agreed on. British TV stations were just not interested in bringing the fight to their viewers. They probably thought the public had already had their share with the Conteh-Hutchinson world contest and the Bugner-Lyle fight scheduled for screening. Maurice Hope was really sour when he heard there would be no TV coverage in Britain.

Southpaw Hope, a West Indian, has been in Britain since he was nine. Boxing for more than 15 years, Hope represented Britain in the Olympics, and as a professional he has lost only 2 of his 22 fights, stopping fifteen of his last sixteen opponents inside the distance. He had never met anyone the class of Dagge before.

Dagge, who won the world crown beating Olisha Obed on June 18, 1976, is Germany's first world champion since Max Schmeling reigned in 1930. Germans have been involved in twelve world title fights, fourteen if you take into consideration the Adolf Heuser and Adolf Witt bouts with Gustave Roth, from Belgium, which was only recognized in Europe as for the world crown.

The junior middleweight division was established by the American National Boxing Association, later to be named WBA, in 1962. The division has provided sixteen champions from 42 world title fights. The very first bout took place on October 20, 1962, when Denny Moyer outscored Joey Giambra over fifteen rounds.

The WBA version of the world title was recently won by relatively unknown Eddie Gazo, who surprisingly outpointed Angel Castellini.

The shrewd German promoter, Willi Zeller, grabbed this Dagge-Hope battle for Berlin with a bid of $101,000. Rather surprisingly, a Spanish promoter, and not a Briton was runner up with $75,000. Dagge lost his European junior middleweight title to Italian Vito Antuofermo last year, and then Maurice Hope beat the Italian in Rome.

Frank Wissenbach, Germany, who already holds a decision over Antuofermo, waits back stage for Maurice Hope's European title.

The new WBC ruling was introduced at this meeting between Dagge-Hope. Should a boxer have to retire because of cuts the officials scorecards would be called for and the fighter leading on points would be declared the winner.

The Britons would have preferred British gloves, but as promoter, Willy Zeller had first choice. He chose gloves made in Mexico by Cleto Reyes at a cost of DM 200 for two sets. Dagge was well pleased with the promoters choice.

This world title programme cost the

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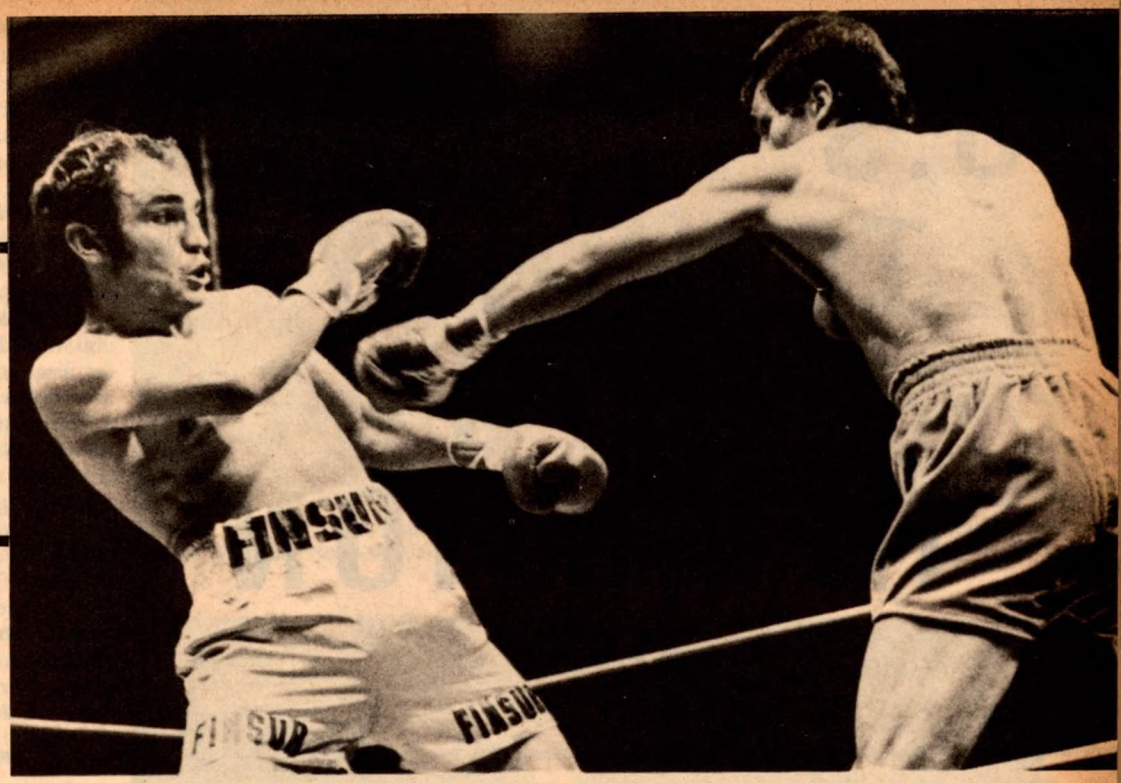


Argentine Miguel Angel Campanino ducks a lunging left by WBA welter champ Jose "Pepino" Cuevas, Mexico. This Mexico City title-bout was Cuevas' second successful defense of his crown.

Cuevas Defends WBA Welter Title with KO in Two

By JUAN ROMANO

NAUCALPAN, MEXICO—W.B.A. welterweight king Jose Cuevas, Mexico, ended Argentina's hope, Miguel Angel Campanino, with a smashing left hook in the second round of their title bout.

The bout started slowly with Cuevas moving forward and landing hard hooks and right hands to the body of Miguel. Campanino kept his head pretty well covered, and the champ could not land any shots to the head, in the first round. During the beginning of round one, the Argentinan did throw a few punches, but none of them landed.

Round two, Cuevas came out for the kill! He tagged Campanino with hard shots to the body, and as the hands of Miguel started down, Jose hit him with at least four straight rights to the head, the last being a smash to the temple, which put him down.

The referee gave him an eight count and signaled the fight to continue. Campanino dropped his hands and the referee halted the contest.

The 32-year-old Campanino looked like a 40-year-old. He left his best years in the local rings of Argentina. His face showed the marks of many a war.

For the 19 year old Cuevas, this was his second defense of his W.B.A. title.

The world welterweight king is also from Mexico, Carlos Palomino.

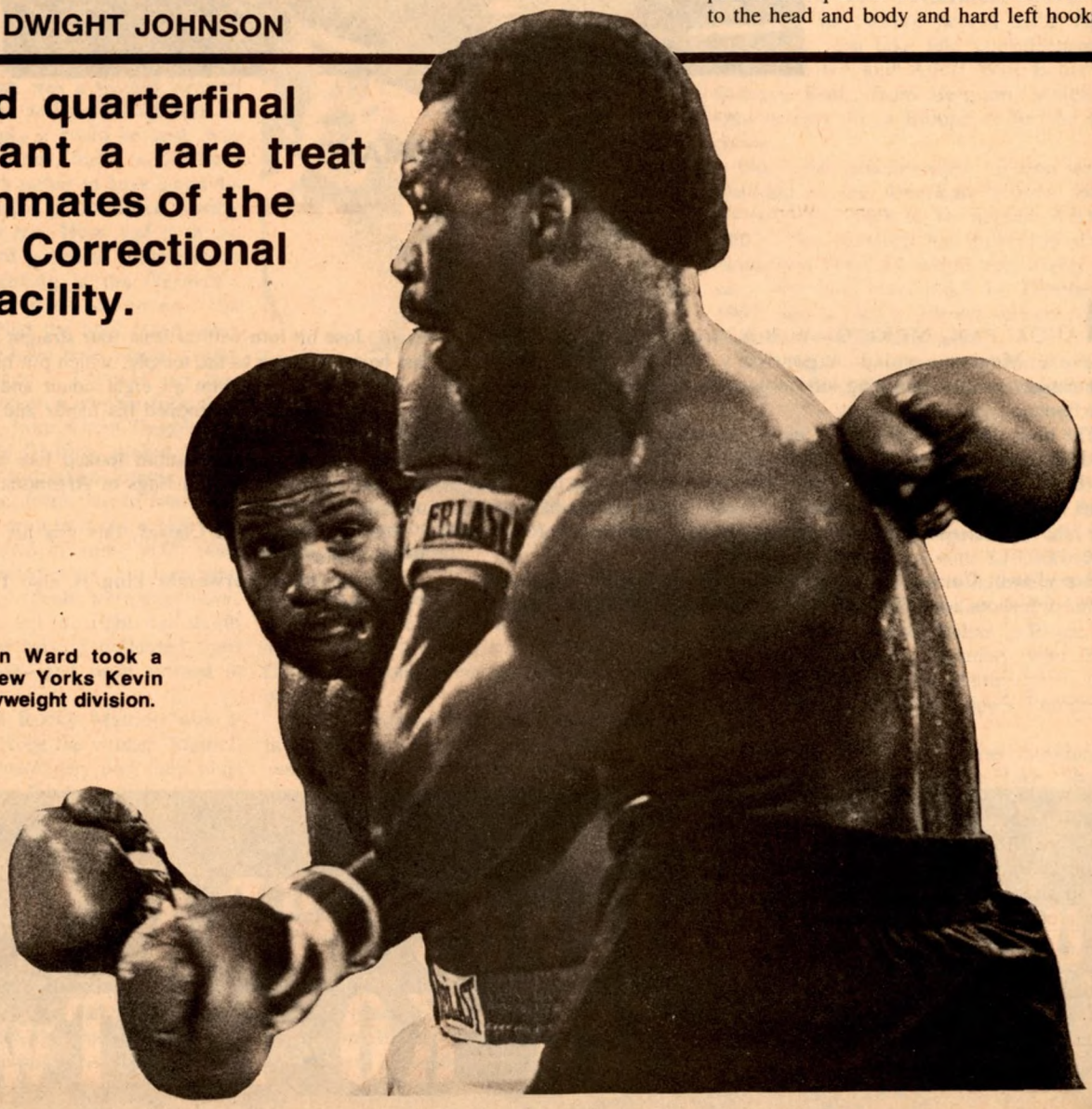
U.S. BOXING TOURNEY TOPS IN ACTION

By GORDON PETERSON
PHOTOS BY DWIGHT JOHNSON

The third quarterfinal round meant a rare treat for the inmates of the Marion Correctional Facility.

THE third quarterfinal round of the United States Boxing championships took place at one of the most unique sites in boxing history, a prison. Promoter Don King, a former inmate at the Marion Correctional Facility in Marion, Ohio, came home to his alma mater and gave his former mates a rousing show. The impressario stood in the center of the ring and told the crowd of 1,-300, "As I look around I can see so many familiar faces. You were a part of me as I moved forward. I am one of you."

The first two quarterfinal shows of the tournament had action filled bouts, and the third one was no different. World Jr. welterweight champion Wilfredo Benitez headlined the card with a unanimous decision over the game Mel Dennis, of Houston, Texas. The 18-year-old Benitez drew cheers for his boxing skills and showmanship. He had the aggressive Dennis off balance during the entire fight, slipping punch after punch. He scored well with jabs to the head and body and hard left hooks. In



California's Stan Ward took a decision over New Yorks Kevin Isaac in the heavyweight division.

the fifth round, Dennis broke from a clinch with a smile on his face. Benitez quickly erased the grin with a right to the face that delighted the prisoners.

The other quarterfinal bouts featured middleweights Rocky Mosley, Jr., Las Vegas, Nevada vs. Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas; welterweights Benitez and Dennis; lightweights Vinnie DeBarros, Waterbury, Connecticut vs. Rudy Ortiz, New York; and featherweights Kenny Weldon, Houston, Texas vs. Reuben Castillo of Bakersfield, California. The heavyweight match pitted New York's Kevin Issac vs. Stan Ward, from Sacramento, California. There was no light heavyweight match because of litigation involving Tom Bethea of New York in connection with a contract to fight for another promoter. Bethea was to have met Richie Kates of Bridgeton, N.J. In a special bout, inmate Art (Tap City) Harris, a former contender for the middleweight crown, stopped Johnny Heard of Detroit after round rounds. The crowd gave Harris a standing ovation. He is serving a 10-year-to-life term for second degree murder.

In the heavyweight bout, Ward and Issac toyed with one another for the eight rounds causing one of the inmates to blurt out, "Come on, I only got 20 years." Ward scored numerable shots to the body and was clearly the aggressor in the fight. Issac's manager later stated that his fighter has an allergy which saps his strength, trying to explain the lethargic performance. Ward, rated ninth in the United States, will meet tournament favorite Larry Holmes in the semi-finals.

In the best action of the day, Rocky Mosley, Jr., a middleweight out of Las Vegas, got off the floor after a third round knockdown by Johnny Baldwin of Houston to floor Baldwin twice in the fourth round of their scheduled eight rounder. Mosley, who had never been on the deck in his 15 bout career, started out sluggish which led to his first trip to the canvas, but got right up and went to work on Baldwin. Mosley will face Mike Colbert in the semi-finals. Colbert is rated number 1 in the U.S.

The featherweight match showcased the talents of young Reuben Castillo of Bakersfield, California. He scored an easy eight round decision over Kenny Weldon of Houston, Texas. It was Weldon's first loss in nearly five years. There were many observers who think Castillo may be on his way toward the featherweight championship of the world.

Ruby Ortiz, a tough lightweight out of New York, floored Waterbury, Connecticut's Vinnie DeBarros with a right counter to the jaw in the third round and cruised to a unanimous decision in their eight round bout. Ortiz kept the pressure on DeBarros throughout the fight, continually cutting off the ring.

In a special fight, Michael (Dynamite) Dokes, a heavyweight from Akron, Ohio,

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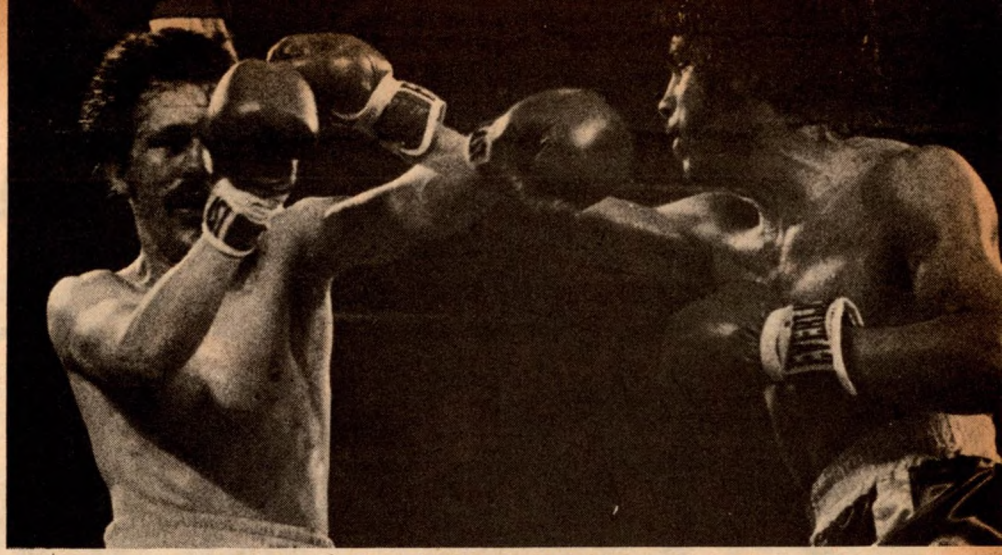

Reuben Castillo, right, Bakersfield, California, won an easy eight round decision over Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas, in the featherweight bout.

(Above) Lightweight Ruby Ortiz, New York, right, cruised to a unanimous decision against Waterbury, Connecticut's Vinnie DeBarros. (Below) World Jr. welterweight king Wilfredo Benitez, right, stepped up in weight to win a unanimous nod over Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas, in the welterweight class.

Britain's Joe Bugner pursues Denver's Ron Lyle to the ropes during the Las Vegas heavyweight fight that underdog Lyle won with a split 10 round decision.

Lyle Takes Split Decision from Bugner

By ARTHUR REMBERT

By winning a split decision over Joe Bugner in front of a national T.V. audience, Denver heavyweight Ron Lyle took another step toward once again being classified as a serious title contender. Another thing that was accomplished was the fact that both Bugner and Lyle served notice on the general boxing public, and old time fight buffs in particular, that the art of infighting is not dead. Indeed, the entire 12 rounds were fought off the ropes.

The type of fight that it was destined to become took form as early as the first round when Bugner came out throwing punches as he said he would, then for some reason only known to Bugner himself, he stopped punching and went to the ropes and stayed there. This suited Lyle to a tee, and he obliged Bugner by himself going to the cords whenever Bugner became bored with it.

Since the Foreman bout, Ron Lyle has been having the distinction of looking like a superman in the 1st round, only to wind up fighting like Lois Lane by the 6th. This was evident in his kayo win over Kevin Isaac, and in his loss to Jimmy Young.

This reporter feels that Lyle didn't really win the fight, Bugner lost it. Bugner had the opportunity to take charge and possibly win by kayo in the sixth round when a hopelessly spent Ron Lyle couldn't even raise his hands above his waist. Bugner landed some good shots, but he never left the ropes for the wide open spaces where he could use his fine jab and considerable boxing ability. Instead, he waited. Waiting ultimately cost him the bout becaue he wound up tiring himself. In all fairness to Lyle, once he got his second wind, he kept the pressure on a very tired Bugner, and although his punches had had nothing in them since the sixth round, this slow motion aggressiveness is what won the fight for him.

For Ron Lyle it's a step toward getting a chance to get into the heavyweight mess that slick Jimmy Young started with his St. Patricks Day upset over George Foreman in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Fro the old "new" Joe Bugner, it's back to Britain and possibly beating up the new European champ Jean Pierre Coopman. If he can beat Coopman, Joe can come back for a bout with George Foreman and have the distinction of being the "new," "new" Joe Bugner.

Lyle, left, and Bugner trade blows in the course of the heavyweight bout. There were those at ringside who thought Bugner had lost the fight rather than Lyle's having won it.

LEDOUX TAKES SPLIT NOD OVER SOTO

Pedro Soto, on the attack, has Scott LeDoux backed to the ropes during their Madison Square Garden clash. LeDoux came on strong in the last two rounds to take a split decision.

By SAM TAUB

SCOTT LeDOUX, heavyweight from Minneapolis, Minn., who lost a controversial decision in his last skirmish, came through with an exciting ten-round win against Pedro Soto, the Puerto Rican, in the feature bout of an all-star show staged by Madison Square Garden, which was attended by 6,260 customers, who paid $57-,354.42, a $5 to $15 affair.

It was, on the whole, a satisfactory night's work and it wound up in a unique fashion when LeDoux, on a split verdict, gained the duke over the courageous Soto. On our score card we had Soto ahead, 6-3-1. He was outweighed, 198 pounds to 222, by his Midwestern adversary, but the Puerto Rican assimilated such a beating in the final rounds, with a lump under his left eye and other facial evidence of the handiwork of his giant foeman, that we considered the verdict a just one.

Soto might have done better had he adhered to the corner's advice to jab and keep out of the way, but he has one style and that is to get in there and belt. Pedro did it pretty good, but managed to get himself well cuffed while doing so and was in danger of being kayoed in the ninth round and had all he could do to stay on terra firma in the final session. As for the voting, Referee Johnny LoBianco had it 6-4 and Judge Sammy Irom had it 5-4-1 for LeDoux while the other judge, veteran Arthur Aidala, voted 7 to 3 for the loser.

LeDoux, who had lost a highly disputed duke to Johnny Boudreaux at Annapolis, Maryland, looked flabby as he came into the ring, but he fought his way into condition against the aggressive little gladiator from Puerto Rico, who did well when he jabbed and ducked, but finally got himself into trouble. Pedro wound up getting his left eye closed and his face well battered and was on the verge of being kayoed in the final two rounds. It was a good fight, and, as we said, while some thought Soto was ahead on a round-by-round basis, among them yours truly, the decision was an absolutely good one.

The semi-windup ten on the card, a light heavyweight set-to between Mike Rossman, from Turnersville, N.J., and Ray Anderson, of Akron, Ohio, turned into a rout. Anderson was an open target for a two-fisted attack by the Jersey man. Referee Herbie Kronowitz, on the advice of Dr. Harry Kleinman, called it off at the end of the fourth round.

Rossman lost no time starting his handiwork against the Ohioan and as early as the second round had Anderson's left eye completely closed. Ray, with his vision impaired, was completely overwhelmed by his opponent who systematically attacked him with both fists flying. Mike scored almost at will until the fracas

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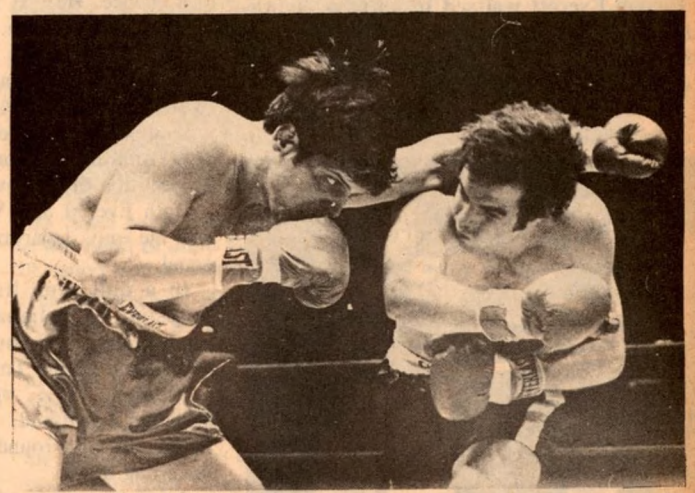
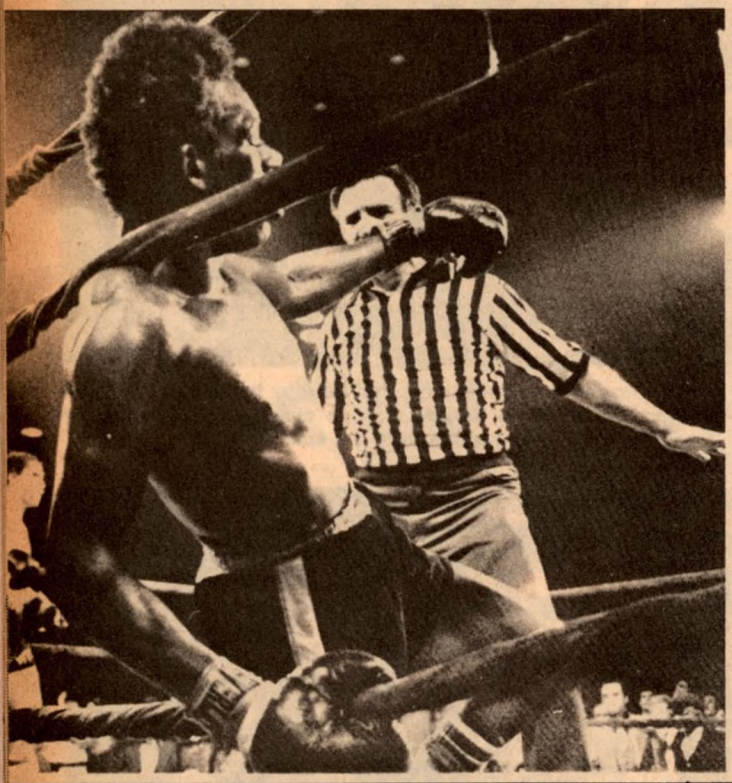
Heavyweight Gerry Cooney, dark trunks, catches Joe Roberson with a left hook to the body to halt him on a TKO at 1:58 of the second round of a scheduled four-round prelim bout.



Bill Connell, right, gets under Phil Brozier's left jab to score with his right hand, in a slam-bang four-rounder. Connell, who had Brozier on the deck in the first stanza, got the nod.

ANTUOFERMO STOPS HART IN FIVE



By ARTHUR REMBERT

BROOKLYN middleweight Vito Antuofermo stepped into the second round of the Friday Night Boxing series, sponsored by an outfit called WTC, by virtue of a blistering fifth round knockout of Philadelphia Eugene "Cyclone" Hart. Cut above the right eye as early as the first round by the ever left hooking Hart, Antuofermo weathered the storm and came back to take the second round with such a highly pressurized attack that Hart could never find the room to get off his well respected left hook.

Hart started jabbing in the third round and seemed to get a little more room to get his hook working, but Antuofermo covered up well whenever the Cyclone decided to flurry. By the middle of the round, the ever pressing Antuofermo was starting to come on again and even landed a couple of left hooks of his own before the bell.

The fourth round, however, was another story altogether. A very determined Antuofermo kept Hart against the ropes or in a corner for virtually all of the round, and in doing so was landing some crunching body shots. Hart had his moments where he would spin off the ropes and box at long range for awhile, but Vito's relentless pressure would always take him right back to the ropes and corners. By the end of the round, Antuofermo was landing the best shots of the fight.

Sensing that he could end it in round five, Antuofermo pinned the still shaky Hart on the ropes and opened

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Eugene "Cyclone" Hart is on the canvas and counted out in the fifth round of his bout with Vito Antuofermo from Bari, Italy, now in Brooklyn.

Everett Easy Victor Over Vega

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA—Hometown hero Tyrone Everett waltzed to an easy eighth-round TKO over mismatched Mexican Cornelio "Memin" Vega before a crowd of 5,439 at the Spectrum.

It was Tyrone's first start since losing a controversial decision to Alfredo Escalera in their WBC junior lightweight title bout here last year.

Jr. lightweight Tyrone Everett, right, is on his way to an eighth round TKO over Memin Vega, of Mexico City. The bout took place in Philadelphia.

"Memin" Vega was several classes below the gifted Philadelphian and never had much of a chance. He was a late sub and the fight was a one-sided bore.

Vega, 128½, was cut on his right eyelid in the second round and the fight was all but over. Everett, 129½, pecked away at the wound with precision punches until Vega was unable to continue following the competition of the seventh round.

Both Everett and Vega box lefthanded. It was the only department in which they were equal.

In a dull semi-final, southpaw Marvin Johnson, of Indianapolis, pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over Milwaukee's John Townsend.

Johnson, 175½, opened with a rush. He plastered Townsend, 177½, all over the ring in the opening round but could not put the underdog down.

Johnson continued to belabor Townsend with hard lefts as the fight progressed, opening a cut over his left eye.

The second half of the bout degenerated into a maul. Townsend stubbornly refused to submit but could do little more than clinch and wrestle.

Once again junior middleweight Perry "Li'l" Abner stole the show. Unfortunately it was probably for the last time as he was battered into a fourth-round TKO defeat by rugged Ray Villanueva.

This was a pure slugging match. Abner, 156, decked the New Yorker with a left hook to the ear in the second round but was taking almost as much punishment as he was dishing out.

After more toe-to-toe brawling in the third, Villanueva, 156, began to dominate. A series of close to twenty head shots had Abner out on his feet when referee Hank Cisco stepped in at 2:05 of the fourth round.

Perry should retire now before he gets hurt. He has provided local fans with many a thrilling moment during his 24-12-1 (20 KO's) career and can bow out with his head held high. I have never seen Li'l Abner in a dull fight.

Rudy Donato, 164, kayoed Tyrone

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Former heavyweight champion George Chuvalo.

Chuvalo Makes Comeback with Dull Ninth Round KO

Toronto heavyweight Bob "Pretty Boy" Felstein.

By FRANK ALLNUTT

TORONTO The return to ring action of George Chuvalo the former Canadian heavyweight champion will not be entered in the ring annuals as a classic. Out of action of any kind for more than three years, Chuvalo was matched with Bob Felstein, another Toronto heavyweight who also had not seen any action since Jimmy Ellis bombed him out in a couple of rounds in February 1973.

The match was for the vacant Canadian heavyweight title, and some 5,000 fans paying $60,000 at the gate showed up at the North York Centennial Arena.

Chuvalo, at the age listed as thirity nine, a whopping 250 pounds, was thirty two pounds heavier than Felstein at the age of thirty four.

Right from the initial bell, the rough, tough tactics of Chuvalo did not go over too well with Felstein, who had ideas of going through with a non-aggression pact. At every opportunity Felstein grabbed the big out-of-condition Chuvalo trying to tie him up. In these all to frequent clinches both were guilty of clubbing, butting and spitting.

Both contestants suffering from ring rust and excess poundage were huffing and puffing after three rounds.

Despite the weight difference, it was Felstein who kept going in to his opponent only to be nailed with hooks to the head and body, Chuvalo's stand-by punches. The bout dragged on, and the hardest worked man in the ring was referee Harry Davis, who tried

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RANZANY SCORES BIG WIN OVER GOMEZ

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SACRAMENTO—Pete Ranzany, top rated welterweight contender, beat Julio Gomez, of Chile, with relentless pressure and constantly effective left hooks to win a unanimous decision over twelve rounds at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium.

Ranzany, 147, previously beat Gomez last December when he was awarded a technical win after receiving a butt over the eye which prevented him from continuing what had been a very close fight. Many of Ranzany's own fans were uncertain about who held the edge when the bout was stopped at the end of the seventh. Since Ranzany usually wins his fights convincingly, some doubts were raised by the controversial ending.

All of which proves that controversy in boxing can lead to improved business. A record turnout of 4723 fans paid $46,944, which made promoters Babe Griffin and Sid Tanner very happy men. Those who made the show a sellout days in advance were there to watch Ranzany erase any doubts about his superiority over Julio Gomez. For this occasion Ranzany recieved $10,500, while Gomez pocketed $6,200 for his efforts.

There were no knockdowns, but Ranzany applied pressure like there was nothing to it. He chased after Gomez in the early rounds and was effective with lead jabs and follow up hooks. Gomez showed a lot of craft as he circled away and poked out jabs and

Top rated welterweight contender Pete Ranzany flics a hard left to the head of Julio Gomez, of Chile, on the way to a unanimous 12 round nod in Sacramento. Photo by Harry Rosenbluth.

counter punched. Here and there he was able to hold Ranzany off, here and there he would become effective with crisp combinations. Here and there he even won a round, but Gomez was never able to substain a charge or hurt his foe. Ranzany would lash out with sharp, stinging punches each time Gomez had reached him.

In the latter rounds Gomez was in danger of going down, only his shrewd ability to fight back when he was about to be overcome saved him from being knocked out. The match was not close, still it was one of the better fights in recent times in Northern California.

The eleventh and twelth rounds turned the match into something special. Gomez came out in the eleventh aware that only a knock-

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51st Annual Golden Gloves Tourney One of Finest Ever

By SAM TAUB

A jam-packed crowd of 20,336 turned out to see the 51st Annual Golden Gloves tournament in Madison Square Garden on March 11, and it turned out to be one of the finest all-around get-togethers in years as the audience was kept on its feet throughout. It easily was one of the best Golden Gloves in many years.

Eighteen bouts comprised the carnival and it was action from the opening bell when Jimmy Gomez, of the Morrisania Youth Center, and Fernando Linares, representing the Yonkers Police Athletic League, clashed. The little 106 pounders belted each other freely throughout, with Jimmy Gomez the winner of the opening sub-novice event. This was a good indication of what was to happen, with the fireworks becoming more and more hectic as the scraps carried on. In this event Gomez's handywork was evident as he was the master mechanic, his opponent suffering a bloody nose before the action was over.

The action in the ring must have affected some of the audience as the spectators started to furnish a few fights on their own while the gladiators were doing their stuff. Feelings ran high as the belligerents went at it with only a few of the fights disappointing. As the evening progressed, the excitement and the action were carried to a high level.

Before the fireworks ended for the night, Davey Moore, from the Morrisania A.C., was to again become the champion in the 147 pound open, and another to repeat as title holder was Paul Christiani, from West Point, who captured the 160 pound open championship. Moore won a very close bout in getting the duke over Mark Harris, of the Police Athletic League, while Christiani's win was also a tough one as he was fought to a standstill by his opponent, Johnny Hayes, fighting in the colors of the Morrisania Youth Center.

There were a few fights in which the decision was booed, and one of them was in the 106 pound class where Miguel Rosario, from the Castle Hill Athletic Club, was declared the winner over Hector Torres, from the Madison Square Boys' Club. But the scoring is different in the Golden Gloves and points taken away are counted. The oddity in this fight was the appearance in Rosario's corner of his father and mother as seconds. The fight was a lulu.

Another skirmish in which the crowd took exception to the duke was in the 112 pound open class when Paul DeVorce, of the Yonkers Police Athletic League, was given the verdict over Henry Brent, who fought under the colors of New York City Recreation Department. Styles makes fights, and this was not one of the better ones, only a few being disappointing as far as fireworks go.

One of the duels that failed to go the distance was the 1:20 knockout in the second round scored by Carmelo Negron, Lower East Side Athletic Club, who pounded his way to a clean cut win, including a couple of knockdowns, over Wayne Moore, Empire Sporting Club representative, with Referee Bill Savage calling a halt to save the Bronxite from further punishment.

Another humdinger was the 118 pound sub-novice duel between Joseph Nieto, of the Police Athletic League, and Juan Laporte of the Lunar Boxing Club, which saw fireworks of the highest vintage

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(Above) West Point Cadet Paul Christiani flics a left jab at Johnny Hayes, Morrisania Youth Center, in their 160 pound open championship. Christiani took the decision and became a two time winner. (Below) Mitchell Green, United Block Association, right, won the heavyweight open championship when the referee stopped the contest at 2:15 of round one to save Guy Casale, left, Empire SC.

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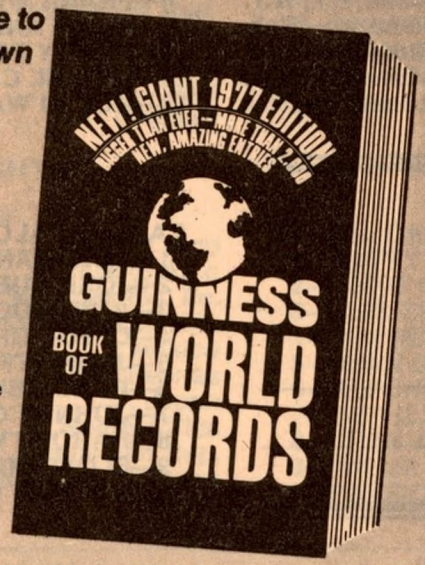

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JIMMY YOUNG
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE number one and three ranked heavyweights in the world went at it in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with Jimmy Young coming out on top to win this month's award.

Others in the running for the month were Eddie Gazo, Wilfred Benitez, Rocky Mosley, Jr., Jose Cuevas, John Conteh, Jean-Pierre Coopman, Reuben Castillo, Vito Antuofermo and Stan Ward.

Nicaragua's Eddie Gazo scored a major upset, when he outpointed Argentina's Miguel Angel Castellini over 15 rounds to win the world junior middleweight title.

World junior welterweight king Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico, boxed in the U.S. Championships as a welterweight, and outpointed a tough Mel Dennis, Houston, over eight rounds.

Another great bout in the U.S. Championships had Rocky Mosley, Jr., a middleweight from Las Vegas, Nevada, get off the deck in the third round to kayo Houston's Johnny Baldwin in the fourth round.

W.B.A. welterweight champ, Mexico's Jose Cuevas, kayoed Argentina's Miguel Campanino in the second round at Mexico City.

John Conteh, the W.B.C. light heavy king, halted Detroit's Len Hutchins in the third round of their title contest in Liverpool, England.

The European heavyweight crown was won by Belguim's Jean-Pierre Coopman. He kayoed Spain's Jose Urtain.

Bakersfield featherweight Reuben Castillo decisioned Houston's Kenny Weldon in eight on the U.S. Championship card, in Marion, Ohio.

The World Television Championships got under way with Italy's Vito Antuofermo halting Philadelphia's Eugene Hart in Philly.

Both Eckhard Dagge and Maurice Hope battled to a 15 round draw in W.B.C. junior middleweight title bout in Berlin. Dagge, of German, retained the title on the draw. Hope is from England.

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Isaac Hussein England	5/75	9	8	1	0	3
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Mickey Banks Oklahoma City, Okla.	4/76	10	10	0	0	5
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Jimmy Batten England	6/74	17	15	2	0	7
WELTERWEIGHT						
Louis Acaries France	11/75	10	10	0	0	5

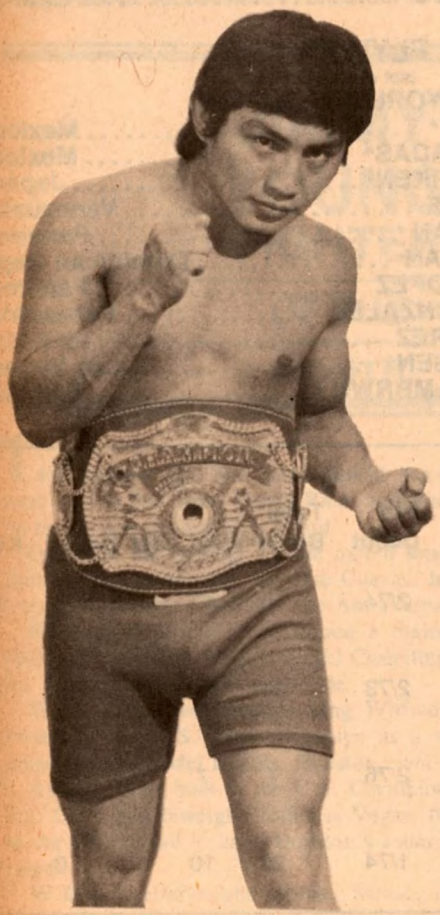
NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Primo Bandini Italy	2/74	18	17	0	1	8
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Jimmy Brown Australia	2/73	30	24	3	3	8
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Willie Booth Scotland	2/76	7	7	0	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Tsusoshi Okabe Japan	1/74	10	10	0	0	4

WBA Fly King, Espadas, Is Yucatan Idol

By EDUARDO AMER

MERIDA, YUC., MEXICO — The boxing fans in Yucatan, showplace of the mysterious legends of Mayab, live in reality, in the Yucatan's best moment in time with two world champions. Miguel Angel Canto Solis, the little boxing master from the suburban Industrial Colony, and Gustavo Hernan Espadas Cruz, the spectacular puncher from the outskirts of Quintero Avenue, who knocked out, last October 21—in dramatic form—the undefeated Panamanian Alfonso Lopez, flooring him five times to take the world crown of the flyweights, recognized by the World Boxing Association, in a Los Angeles bout.

Guty Espadas, with 25 victories (18 KO's), two defeats and five draws, has actually become the real idol of this Yucatan peninsula. The little, but strong Yucatecan, son of Mr. Hernan Espadas Castro and Mrs. Isabel Cruz Espadas, has brought great interest in the large number of boxing fans who follow his uncanny passion, guts and courage in the ring. His is a colorful personality. When he came back to Merida after dethroning Al Lopez in California, Espadas sent over a thousand followers crazy in the tumultuous reception staged in the local International Airport. Later, last month, after he knocked out Japanese Jiro Takada in his first defense of the title, another crowd proclaimed him its hero in the same airport.



(Above) Guty Espadas, left, is on his way to a victory over Alfonso Lopez, of Panama, on October 2, 1976. The win gave Espadas the WBA version of the world fly title. (Left) Espadas poses with championship belt.

Manager Beto Rivero gives a few pointers to Espadas. Rivero has been with Guty from the very beginning. Photos by Pastor Espinosa Alcala.

The first chapters in Guty Espadas' biography belong to a mixture of heroic and suffering passages. From a poor birthplace, he was early a hard worker and a hungry boy. He had to try almost anything to survive. Catechism, alphabet and fist fights were the ingredients which oriented Guty's infancy.

On an August night of 1970 he made his first presentation in "La Casa del Pueblo" (The Town House), where an amateur tourney was taking place. Ever since, he has been under the management of his present trainer, Edilberto "Beto" Rivero. A little later, he was also protected by the prominent businessman of Merida, Mr. William Abraham Daguer, a great follower of boxing.

As time passed, Guty was to capture the junior flyweight title of Yucatan and, in 1971, he became a professional. Only two years later he was proclaimed the State's flyweight champion. Previous to that championship, Espadas suffered a fracture that kept him out of the ring for six months.

In 1974, his devastating pace continued, only to be momentarily stopped by a defeat—his first—with Dominican Pablito Jimenez, and one more, very controversial, with Alberto "Costenito" Morales, in Acapulco. But, Guty went on to knock out

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HAROLD WESTON SAYS, "I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BRING BACK A WORLD TITLE TO THE U.S."

By NEIL ROLAND

Photos by Francine Keery

Harold Weston, Jr., spars, urging his opponent, "Come on." Weston loves to train and begins his day at 6:30. (Below) Harold's father helps the hard working welterweight with his gloves. Harold Weston, Sr., a housekeeper at Harlem Hospital, has doubled as his son's trainer since he first laced on a pair of gloves.

THROUGH the world of Solar Sporting Club (146 W. 28th St.) have passed many of the giants of boxing, their names posted on the peeling white wall, their pictures staring down from the colored posters: Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Griffith. The kids come in and see the names, and they think of the fame and the money and the adulation, and maybe they work a little harder.

Harold Weston has been training for 15 years, and it's finally beginning to pay off. Weston recently fought Wilfredo Benitez, the world junior welterweight champion, to a draw before a crowd paying over $100,000.

He has been promised a title shot in the late spring against World Boxing Association champion Pino Cuevas to be held in Madison Square Garden, following his defeat of Jimmy Heair in Madison Square Garden.

"Weston is good enough to fight for the championship," says Madison Square Garden boxing promoter Teddy Brenner, "and possibly good enough to win it. In fact, Weston is one of the best welterweights in the world," Brenner continued, "and could beat either of the champions."

The 24-year-old Weston, who grew up in Queens and currently lives on Manhattan's East Side, has a 21-6-5 record that includes victories over top-ranked contenders such as Rocky Mattioli and Vito Antuofermo.

"I'm the only fighter in America who can bring back a world title to the United States," Weston says. His intent eyes pierce like a laser, and his infectious confidence makes a believer of you. "It's only a matter of time."

It's 4:30 in the afternoon and Weston is beginning his workout. He heads for the lockerroom to doff his navy blue suit, light blue tie, with a gold medallion dangling from his neck.

On the way he cuffs one of the young boys working out and covers up as the boy laughingly throws punches.

"I don't ever want to get a big head," he says. "I still have the same friends I always did."

He emerges in sweats and carefully tapes his hands. Trainer Gil Clancy, who also trained Emile Griffith, comes by and whispers something in his ear. Weston leaps up with a broad smile on his face.

"I can't wait to become champ," says Weston, pointing his finger at Clancy, "just so I can go two rounds with you. I've got a lot to pay you back for."

"Come on," Clancy, 54 years old, retorts, "I'll go with you right now." He throws light punches, dances, and weaves for a couple of rounds before climbing into the ring to spar.

As he puts on his headgear and groin protector, some of the spectators move up to watch.

In the other corner Weston's sparring partner, another professional, quietly puts on his gear. As Weston dons his gloves,

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WILLIE RITCHIE-- THE ALL AMERICAN SUB

Willie Ritchie was in his prime as world lightweight champion when he posed for the picture above. (Top right) Ready to retire as Chief Inspector for the California State Athletic Commission in 1961, Willie could look back over a 54-year association with the fight game. (Right) In retirement, he turned his hand to gardening, spending many hours among the lemon trees, rhododendrons and roses at his home in Milbrae, near San Francisco.

By AL SANTORO

HIS name was Gerhart Anthony Steffen, and he was born on February 13, 1891, in San Francisco's "South of the Slot" where James J. Corbett, Abe Attell, Frankie Neil and other celebrated pugilists lived. But Gerry's hero was Oakland Frankie Edwards.

On this night in 1907, Steffen boarded the ferryboat and after a short train ride detrained at The Point in West Oakland where Tommy Simpson was the promoter. Gerry had a job to do. He was to carry the water bucket for Oakland Frankie Edwards who was fighting the main.

A prelim boy didn't show. Simpson scurried to the front of the building where the pugs gathered before the bouts. At this juncture, Edwards arrived at the arena, and learning of Simpson's problem, offered instant solution.

"Gerry," he said, "will sub, won't you, Gerry?"

"No," Gerry said. "If I fight and my mother learns about it I'll catch the dickens."

"All right," Edwards then said, "if you don't fight you can't carry my water bucket

anymore!''

One quick look at his hero and Gerry assented.

Supplied with shoes and trunks Gerry went into the ring. The announcer, scanning the program, noted the name ''Willie Richards,'' the kid for whom Gerry was subbing against Eddie Steele. In the next day's newspapers the name was further garbled. ''Willie Ritchie,'' it was noted, had lost to Eddie Steele in the second round.

There were to be other substitutions, and more important ones as Gerry Steffen, adopting the ring name ''Willie Ritchie,'' stepped up the ladder.

On November 30, 1911, at Vernon, California, Ritchie had been summoned from San Francisco to sub for Ad Wolgast against Freddie Walsh. Bill Kyne, the racetrack promoter, had suggested Ritchie as a suitable opponent, and Ritchie took the next day's train, arriving the evening of the battle.

''But when I and my seconds arrived at Jack Doyle's Arena, an over-zealous gatekeeper refused us admittance. 'That's what they all say,' said the gatekeeper. There was no further time for argument,'' said Ritchie. ''We went up to the box office, I bought tickets and we got to the dressing room a few minutes before ring time.''

Welsh won the decision, in 20 rounds.

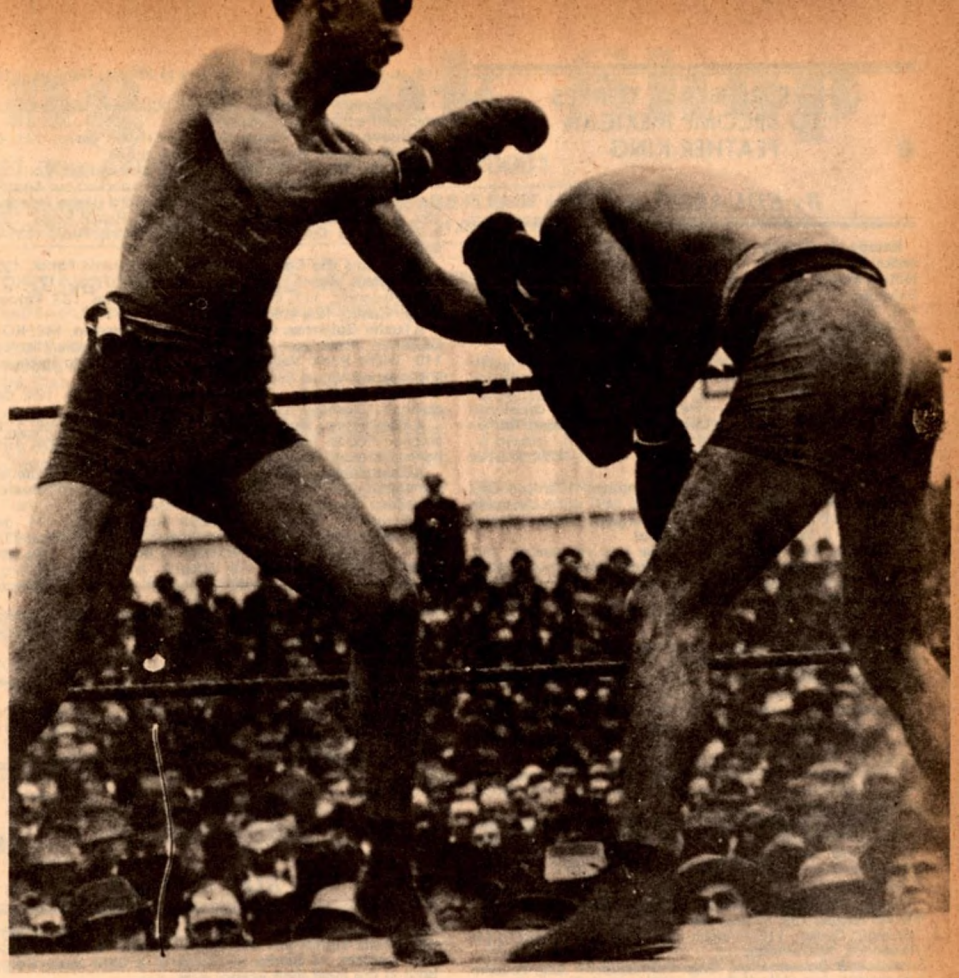
In Philadlephia on the night of February 7, 1912, Ritchie was among the spectators when he was asked to sub for Packey McFarland against Young Erne. They boxed six rounds, no decision.

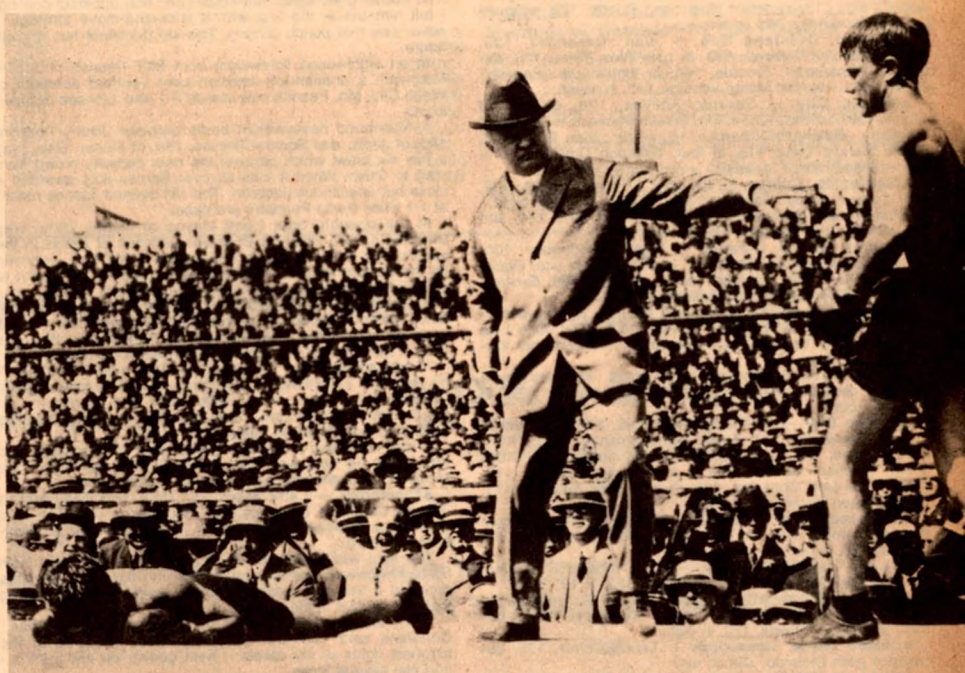
On November 28, 1912, at Daly City, California, the referee Firecracker Jim Griffin awarded Ritchie the lightweight championship on a foul in the 16th round over Ad Wolgast. The lightweight limit then was 133 pounds, but Ritchie, refusing to make such weight, upped the poundage to 135, and it has been 135 pounds for lightweight title bouts ever since.

On July 7, 1914, Ritchie defended against Freddie Welsh in London. At the end of 20 rounds Ritchie's title slipped from his grasp. The difference in scoring was one-half point. In discussing this with a Briton at ringside, Ritchie was offered the solace, ''I guess they gave the title to Welsh with half a point for British pluck.''

During World War I Ritchie was a boxing instructor in the Army at Camp Lewis, Washington. In 1919 in a war benefit Ritchie hooked up with Benny Leonard in a four rounder, no decision, but many newspapermen said Ritchie had been the winner. Ritchie and Leonard battled again in Newark, New Jersey, and Leonard reversed the San Francisco ''defeat'' by knockout in the eighth round.

Ritchie, trying a comeback, fought one of his last bouts in Oakland, August 20, 1924, against Joe Simonich. Prior to the battle, Ritchie boxed six rounds in the telephone room and came into the ring steaming hot, the trick often used by Western fighters against invaders from the East, who didn't know the ropes about the four-round bouts, which were fast and furious from first bell to the finish. But his old stuff had left him, and he was no longer a match for the younger fighters.





(Above) Ritchie, left, wins the lightweight crown from Ad Wolgast at Daly City, California, on November 28, 1912, on a foul in the 16th round. (Below) Referee Eddie Graney directs Ritchie to a neutral corner after Willie floored Joe Rivers in the 11th round of their 1913 title match in San Francisco. It was a kayo for Ritchie.

Ritchie became an inspector for the California State Athletic Commission in 1928, and was Chief Inspector from 1937 until his retirment in 1961.

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HERRERA BEATS TORRES TO BECOME MEXICAN FEATHER KING

By EDUARDO AMER

Estado de Mexico — Ernesto Herrera, 124, bested Salvador Torres, 125, in 12 rounds, to become new Mexican featherweight champion. Jose Torres, 125, kid brother of Salvador, TKO'd Rosalio Muro, 125, in eight. Lupe Pintor, 118, TKO'd Evaristo Perez, 117, in one. Antonio Rojas, 117, TKO'd Raul Hernandez, 117, in four. Ruben Soriano, 125, TKO'd Felipe Azamar, 123, in three.

▲**Los Mochis, Sinaloa** — Manuel Elizondo, 157, demolished Esteban Robles, 159, in four, to retain national middleweight title.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Freddy Castillo, 112, decisioned Antonio Avelar, 112, in ten. Lino Castillo, 134, halted Ramon Ochoa, 135, in four.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Fernando Gomez, 120, stopped Angel Chi, 117, in four.

▲**Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Arturo Uruzquieta, 107, iced Saul Moreno, 106, in one. Ricardo Varela, 119, KO'd Leobardo Vazquez, 120, in four. "Relampago" Burgoa, 113, put "Torito" Escobar, 112, to sleep in the first round.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Jose Luis Hernandez, 124, beat Juan Ordonez, 125, in 10.

▲**El Mante, Tamaulipas** — Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 117, outpointed Reyes Torres, 117, in 10.

▲**Halacho, Yucatan** — Humberto Lara, 117, and Lonny Pacheco, 118, drew in 10.

▲**Los Mochis, Sinaloa** — Candelario "Conde" Bobadilla, 118, whipped Antonio Becerra, 118, in 10.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Miguel Angel Juarez, 123, TKO'd Roberto "Negro" Torres, 124, in eight.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Feliz Mendez, 147, TKO'd Pedro Alberto Dominguez, 146, in ten. Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 120, TKO'd Crescencio Santana, 119, in three. Jesus Sorrosa, 115, TKO'd "Zurdo" Alvarado, 116, in four.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Celso Limon, 134, outscored Fidel Villalobos, 134, in ten. Juan Ramirez, 123, TKO'd Agapito Ramirez, 124, in seven.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Alfonso Zamora, 119, bantamweight champion of WBA, easily stopped Alejandro Orejel, 120, in two. German Coello, 134, of Dominican Republic, TKO'd Abraham Perez, 134, in seven.

▲**Mexico City** — Adelaido Galindo, 113, TKO'd Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 113, in nine. Ismael Ruiz, 212, embalmed Memo Vargas, 199, in two. Memo Ayala, 119, TKO'd Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 116, in eight. Victor Olvera, 114, TKO'd Fili Ruvalcaba, 114, in three.

▲**Ciudad Constitucion, Baja California** — Juan Antonio Lopez, 120, nailed Abel Torres, 122, in five. Ramon Castro, 116, iced Ernesto Magana, 116, in one.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Fernando Gomez, 120, knocked out Antonio Munoz, 117, in eight. Jose Luis Lara, 117, polished off Roque Guillen, 117, in two. "Lobito" Morales, 114, bested "Relampago" Burgua, 112, in ten. Rafael Torres, 112, decisioned Roberto Ramos, 112, in ten.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Luis Torres, 112, kayoed Angel Feliz, 112, in seven. Francisco Ponce, 123, whipped Antonio Fernandez, 125, in ten.

▲**Cancun, Quintana Roo** — Juan Hernandez, 130, bombed Cecilio Narvaez, 133, in one. Alex Parra, 108, defeated "Panaderito" Ricalde, 108, in eight. Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 111, stopped Marco Ventura, 112, in seven.

▲**Mexico City** — Gerardo Aceves, 126, outpointed Raymundo Cardoso, 126, in ten. Serafin Pacheco, 120, TKO'd Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 118, in six. Jose Ruiz, 116, TKO'd Manuel Luna, 116, in four. Salomon Gonzalez, 111, bested Mario Rios, 111, in six.

▲**Manzanillo, Colima** — Salvador "Negro" Torres, 125, TKO'd Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 125, in tenth and last round.

▲**Escarcega, Campeche** — Benjamin Barrera, 124, and Eduardo "Conejo" Briceno, 126, drew in ten.

▲**Gomez Palacio, Durango** — Sigfrido Rodriguez, 130, demolished Jose Luis "Maestrito" Lopez, 130, in one. Rocky Mijares, 112, TKO'd German Torres, 112, in eight. Gustavo Segura, 134, lost to Alfredo Madrigal, 135, in 10.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Carmelo Montes, 117, kayoed Al Castro, 117, in two. Eduardo Adame, 117, KO'd Jose Luis Galvan, 117, in ttwo. Benny Guajardo, 111, TKO'd Abel Vargas, 113, in seven.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jaime Nava, 124, won by a technical decision over Rodolfo "Tinieblas" Castillo, 125, in the tenth round.

▲**Mexico City** — Carlos Saldivar, 125, outscored Jesus "Tauro" Hernandez, 127, in ten. Juan Hernandez, 133, TKO'd Daniel Rojas, 134, in three. Pablo Rodriguez, 123, TKO'd Justo "Cuellar" Garcia, 123, in four. Felipe Gomez, 117, TKO'd Jose Luis Gonzalez, 116, in one. Jose Jimenez, 111, TKO'd Ruben Marin, 111, in three.

▲**Coatzacoalcoas, Veracruz** — Tito Cruz, 146, won from Ruben Quintas, 145, in ten. Raul Rico, 132, bested Fili Gomez, 133, in ten.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua** — Jose "Chamizal" Hernandez, 134, defeated Juan Pablo Oropeza, 135, in 10.

▲**Zacapu, Michoacan** — Roberto Castro, 117, beat Manuel Carrillo, 117, in 10. Jose Luis "Sugy" Aguinaga, 118, KO'd Nico "Remolino" Rivera, 120, in eight.

▲**Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas** — Leoncio Ortiz, 135, decisioned Juan Elizondo, 135, in ten.

▲**San Luis Potosi** — Carlos "Calaca" Segura, 118, beat Lupe "Sombrerete" Hernandez, 118, in ten. Joel Segura, 116, embalmed Jose Luis Castillo, 117, in three.

▲**Halacho, Yucatan** — Francisco Figueroa, 112, outpointed Guillermo Mis, 112, in six. Raul Medina, 124, won over Manuel Hong, 120, in six.

▲**Mexico City** — Joel Valdez, 118, gained Fidel Trejo, 119, in 10. Claro Guzman, 146, TKO'd Francisco Macias, 145, in eight. Chucho Velazco, 125, bested Fidencio Gonzalez, 125, in eight. Manuel Mendez, 111, stopped Vicente Gonzalez, 116, in two. Claudio Avila, 120, lost to Artemio Ramirez, 119, in four.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alberto "Costeno" Morales, 112, whipped Pedro Galaviz, 112, in ten.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Ernesto Davis, 134, of Panama, kayoed "Raton" Montes, 134, in five.

▲**Mexico City** — Ismael Ruiz, 208, polished off Moi Martinez, 196, in two. Alfonso Jimenez, 135, knocked out Agustin Ramirez, 132, in six. Jose Mendez, 135, KO'd Chayo Mendez, 135, in three. Jesus Ramirez, 134, lost to Rafael Rojas, 133, in six. Tomas Cuellar, 112, outpointed Mario Rios, 111, in four.

▲**San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora** — Gerardo Ferrat, 135, TKO'd Mario Servin, 135, in three. Ernesto Rios, 117, KO'd Jose Resendiz, 117, in seven. Antonio Adame, 123, kayoed Sergio Castro, 124, in four.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Mario Dorantes, 146, KO'd Guillermo "Chamaco" Ruiz, 142, in nine. Cenobio Nicolas, 119, TKO'd Pedro Ventura, 118, in four. Rigoberto Vazquez, 116, kayoed Miguel Espinosa, 116, in three.

▲**Piedras Negras, Coahuila** — Rodolfo Perez, 124, decisioned "Chamaco" Limon, 124, in ten.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Marco A. Rocha, 126, stopped Fabian Palma, 124, in nine. Adan Chavarria, 134, halted Salvador Garcia, 133, in two.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Delfino Mendoza, 118, flattened Tony Paredes, 118, in two. Juan Cardona, 119, defeated Sebastian Mancilla, 119, in 10.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Victor Hugo Aguirre, 111, demolished Dionisio Balderas, 111, in two. Leonardo Cruz, 116, lost to Felix Rey, 116, in 10. Carlos Hernandez, 113, embalmed Fernando Aviles, 113, in four.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Obdulio "Copala" Suastegui, 117, bested Ubaldo Torres, 119, in 10.

▲**Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas** — Bernardo Barron, 158, halted Gregorio Rodriguez, 159, in seven. Antonio Arcos, 126, KO'd Antonio Rodriguez, 125, in two.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Carlos Martinez, 135, TKO'd Luis Barajas, 134, in four. Jesus Garza Ortiz, 145, stopped Humberto Reyes, 145, in six.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 124, nailed Ernesto Gallardo, 125, in five. Freddy Polanco, 111, TKO'd Tomas Gonzalez, 111, in nine.

McMINN SCORES EIGHTH PRO WIN

By RON COPHER

Quapaw, Oklahoma — Local youngster Tony McMinn scored his eighth pro win with a second round knockout over veteran Al Banks of Dallas in a light heavyweight bout at the local high school gym.

The opening round saw Banks scoring with left jabs as he attempted to keep McMinn off balance and not allow the heavy punching red head to land with h is powerful left hook.

Banks was doing well in the second until McMinn landed with a right uppercut that dropped Banks to the canvas where he was counted out at 1:18.

"I was fighting the type of bout that I wanted to," Banks said following the fight, "but I didn't see that uppercut coming. I felt him out in the first with a stick-and-move strategy. I never saw that punch coming. This kid (McMinn) has a great future."

In an eight-round lightweight bout Billy Pearish of Joplin, Mo., won a unanimous decision over Leonard Johnson of Webb City, Mo. Pearish now stands 8-1 and Johnson dropped to 5-3.

A four-round heavyweight battle between Jimmy Pearish, 188, of Joplin and Squirrel Barnes, 184, of Picher, Okla. was a pier six brawl which pleased the near capacity crowd from start to finish. When it was all over Barnes was awarded a close but unanimous decision. The win evened Barnes record at 1-1 while it was Pearish's pro debut.

In the opening bout Larry Mayes of Miami, Okla. was awarded a TKO victory over Bubba Johnson of Dallas in the second of a scheduled four-round welterweight bout. Johnson hit the canvas several times before the referee stopped it at 1:10 of the second. It was the pro debut for both boxers.

▲**Cincinnati** — Joplin's Johnny Copeland had to go the distance as he pounded out a unanimous decision over Aundra Love of Indianapolis in a 10-round lightweight bout that was tabbed the "Fight of the Night" on a professional boxing card.

"It was a tough fight," Copeland said following the victory. "I hit Love with everything but the ring post and he kept coming. I knocked him down in the eighth round and he had me on the canvas in the second." Both fighters received a standing ovation at the end of the battle.

It was Copeland's second straight fight in Cincinnati and both times his bout was tabbed the "Fight of the Night." He received gift certificates for both of his performances.

▲**Cincinnati** — Larry Stanton of New York City decked Johnny Copeland of Joplin, Mo., four times en route to a unanimous decision in a 10-round lightweight bout at Riverfront Coliseum.

The fight was hailed as the "fight of the night" and both fighters received special awards after the fight. Both fighters received a $50 gift certificate and a silver plate designating them as fighters of the month.

"They told me after the fight he put me down four times," Copeland said. "I know he's tough. This was one of the toughest fights of my career. I kept getting up and I think I hurt him several times."

The Copeland-Stanton bout was one of five 10-round bouts on the show. The victory was Stanton's 15th against two losses and a draw. Copeland is now 41-19. Irish Johnny said he is looking for a rematch.

▲**Milwaukee** — Light heavyweight John Words of Kansas City journeyed to Milwaukee where he was knocked out by John Townsend in the featured bout at the Eagles Club. Townsend, fighting his first main event in his hometown, displayed the poise and savvy of a veteran in disposing of Words. For the first three rounds, Townsend and Words fought at close quarters with both landing blows that had the crowd of 831 in constant excitement.

In the fourth Townsend got Words against the ropes and started working to the head. Two rights and a left to the head ended the fight 40 seconds from the end of the fourth round. It took several minutes to revive Words. Townsend, who raised his record to 15-3 had this to say about Words after the bout. "He was tough because I was hitting him with all I had and he took them all. Most other guys would have gone in the first round. But his punches weren't hurting me."

▲**Kansas City** — The 42nd annual Regional Golden Gloves boxing tournament was recently held at Municipal Auditorium. The champions were as follows: Novice - 112 lbs., Ricky Sparks; 119 lbs., Rick Fisher: 125 lbs., Rick Powers: 132 lbs., Mark Parisse; 139 lbs., Scott Canady: 147 lbs., Bobby Narron: 156 lbs., Larry McFadden; 165 lbs., Ron Frerer: 178 lbs., Eugene Phipps: Hvy., Louis Drake. Open Division - 112 lbs., Roy Garcia: 119 lbs., Jerome Mikle: 125 lbs., Dick Flint: 132 lbs., Anderson Suttington: 139 lbs., Larry McManis: 147 lbs., Tyrone Wren: 156 lbs., Rodney Green: 165 lbs., Leonard Durant: 178 lbs., Gary Read: Hvy., Eugene Ford.

The Open Division winners qualified for the National Golden Gloves which will be held this year in Honolulu, Hawaii. A total of 21 Kansas City champions have gone on to win national titles.

HAGLER RALLY STOPS MONROE IN 12TH

By DON HAMILL

The year 1977 has turned into the slowest in New England boxing history. At this writing there have been only five professional shows in all of New England. There has been a lot of amateur activity in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine particularly. The results for the month were as follows:

▲**Boston** — Hynes Auditorium—Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 160, Brockton, atoned for a defeat at the hands of Willie (The Worm) Monroe, 160, Philadelphia, be stopping him in the twelfth and final round. Hagler had to come from behind to do it. He was trailing on points when he started coming on in the ninth round and by the final session was battering Monroe so convincingly that the bout was stopped.

Vinnie Curto, 157, East Boston, so soundly whipped Dalton Swift, 160, Washington, D.C., that Referee Herbie Weisblum stopped the ten round mismatch in the sixth heat. Swift was neighter cut nor off his feet. Ron Drinkwater, 215, Malden, stopped Vincent Smith, 215, Hartford, in the third round of a dull contest slated for eight heats. Kevin Dorian, 147, South Boston, was ededged in a close split decision after six rounds by Wilson Bell, 155, Washington. Jimmy Corkum, 142, Brockton, continued his winning ways with a second round knockout over Leo DiFiore, 135, Portland. Frank (Tiger) Moore, 155, Brockton, outpointed Angel Ramos, 155, Hartford, in the six round opener.

▲The writer traveled to Albany, New York to see a boxing card held at the Christian Brothers Academy gymnasium there. New England boxers made up so much of the card it could easily have been staged in New England. In the eight-round main event, Bobby Stewart, 175, Amsterdam, N.Y., won handily over Eddie Phillips, 176, Hartford. Dennis Jordan, 210, Wethersfield, Conn., punched out a clear-cut six round unanimous decision over Joe Maye, 202, Hartford, to win the rubber in their three-bout series. Mike Thomas, 135, Springfield, Mass., battered Seymour Shepard, 135, Hartford, into submission in the third round of the four round opener.

▲**FITCHBURG** — George J. Wallace, Jr. Civic Center—Vinnie Curto, 162, East Boston, pitched a near shutout as he easily whipped a stubborn D. C. Walker, 160, New Haven, Conn., in the ten-round feature. A right uppercut followed by a left hook dropped Walker in the ninth round for the only knockdown.

Matty Ross, 180, Malden, Mass., survived crushing knockdowns in each of the first two rounds to outgut and outpunch Otis Gordon, 172, Hartford. Gordon was felled in the fifth round and arose unable to continue giving Ross a fifth round TKO. David Ramalho, 115, Lowell, Mass., scored a lop-sided and unanimous six-round decision over fellow townsman, Pedro Martinez, who also weighed 115 lbs. Jose Papo Melendez, 130, Lowell, came from behind to stop the more experienced Francisco Maldonado, 128, Lawrence, in the fifth round of their six spot. In four rounders: Austin (Killer) Killeen, 166, Fitchburg high school teacher and physical education nut, turned pro, without any amateur experience, with a one round kayo of Phil Hart, 167, Clinton; Ben Sanchez, 152, Leominster, Mass., easily disposed of Tom Nelson, 148, Clinton, in 1:25 of the first round; and Ron Gabaree, 234, Clinton, outlasted Al Carr, 225, Fitchburg, and halted him in the third round.

▲**BOSTON Arena** — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 161, Brockton, scored a spectacular third round knockout of Reggie Ford, 158½, Guyana, in the main event of Promoter Sam Silverman's annual St. Patrick's show. Southpaw Hagler took control of the bout from the start and twice shook Ford with lefts to the jaw in the second round. midway through the third round, Hagler caught Ford coming in with a right that was half jab and half hook, flush on the point of the chin. Ford was counted out by Referee Billy Connelly.

Danny Tratzinski, 126, Brockton, scored a unanimous ten-round duke over Haviv Mishali, 129, Israel. Mishali, an internationally known amateur, was making his pro debut. He proved to be a knowledgeable and game ringman. Jimmy Corkum, 148, Brockton, continued his winning ways by eking out an extremely close but unanimous decision over Jose Carlos Garcia, 145, Worcester, in eight rounds. Corkum won the last round by a wide margin to nail down the win. Ron Drinkwater, 214, Malden, repeated an earlier win by thumping John Warr, 192, New York, for eight rounds and a unanimous duke. Kevin Dorian, 147, South Boston, eked out a squeaker over Russell Hart, 150, New York, by a unanimous duke in the opener.

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Q. What were the weights for the Foreman v. Chuvalo fight on August 4, 1970? Also, how and when did the term, "Rubber match" originate?

Michael Joe McCain
Richmond, California

A. Foreman weighed 218, Chuvalo, 214½. "Rubber match" is of unknown origin, and dates back to the 16th century. "A rubber" was a set of three games (usually referring to whist or bowls) and also came to mean the deciding game or match. The Oxford Dictionary notes 17th century examples of "a rubber at cuffs," which denoted "a scuffle or fight in which only the hands are employed." The term is now obsolete.

Q. Did Duane Bobick ever fight Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba before the 1972 Olympics? If so, what was the result?

Frank Boyle
Denver, Colorado

A. They fought in Cali, Colombia, during the Pan-American Games, the year before the Olympics in Munich. Bobick beat the then 19-year-old Stevenson to win the Gold Medal. In the Olympics, of course, it was the other way around.

Q. Knowing that you people who publish THE RING are experts in the field of boxing, I am humbly soliciting your help in this matter. I have met a guy who claims to be the once great Ceferino Garcia, middleweight champion of the world. He says he is 66 years old and originally from Ecuador, South America. He is a black Latin. Sir, is Ceferino Garcia still alive, and what does he look like?

Ricardo DelValle
New York City

A. The age is about right, but that's the only thing that checks out. Garcia is alive and well and living in California, according to our information. But he is a Filipino, born in Manila. As to what he looks like, see photo.

Q. In trying to trace my family tree and history, I have information that my great grandfather, William Jeffries, and the former world heavyweight champion, James J. Jeffries, were brothers. Do you have any information on the Jeffries family?

Sally Faber
Des Moines, Iowa

A. Jim Jeffries was the sixth of eight children of the Reverend Alexis C. and Rebecca Jeffries. According to a 1910 newspaper, Jeff's brothers were named Jack, Tom, John, Charlie, and Cal.

Q. Is New Jersey heavyweight Randy Neumann still active or is he retired?

Tom Trainor Jr.
Hollywood, Fla.

A. After he was stopped by Duane Bobick in December, 1974, Randy "retired" to pursue other interests: modeling, free-lance writing and photography. Like so many others before him, Randy changed his mind this year and signed for a fight in April.

Q. A friend of min e claims that Jim Beattie, the six-foot-eight giant from St. Paul, Minnesota, who was fighting in the Sixties is fighting again. I say no. Who's right?

Peter McLoughlin
Minneapolis, Minn.

A. Score one for your friend. Big Jim Beattie has come back. He's also taken out a promoter's license.

Q. I would like to know if Jimmy Carruthers, the bantaweight champ (1952-54), was ever beaten or drawn.

Bennie Duke
Cody, Wyoming

A. From August 1950 until he retired in May, 1954, when he announced his retirement, Carruthers was undefeated and untied. But when he returned to the ring after a seven-year absence, he lost four of his six bouts.

Q. Is it true that actor Red Foxx used to be a boxer under the name of Young Sanford?

Jennifer Jones
Englishtown, N.J.

A. 'Tis true.

Q. I understand that the rock singer, Kris Kristofferson, was a Golden Gloves champion from Texas. Is this accurate?

S.R. Heyman
Lawrence, Kansas

A. There a lot of hype surrounding Kristofferson, so the plain truth isn't easy to come by. Seems pretty definite that he did some amateur boxing, but we can't come up with details.

Q. How many fights did former flyweight champ Benny Lynch have in his entire career? And how does RING rate him?

Paul Callacher
Bristol, England

A. Scotland's first world champion learned his trade in the boxing booths in and around Glasgow and there is no way of knowing how many tussles he had before his first recorded bout, on June 11, 1931. The ones we know about come to 72 bouts (27 KOs, 29 decision-wins, one win on a foul, nine draws, four decision losses, one loss on a foul, and one KO by). Benny was an all-time great. RING ranks him fourth, behind Jimmy Wilde, Pancho Villa and Frankie Genaro. The late Nat Fleischer, RING's founder, listed Lynch fifth in his all-time ratings, with Wilde, Villa, Genaro and Fidel LaBarba preceding him, in that order.

Q. Is it true that Jimmy O'Gatty, a welterweight and second Vice Commander of the Hollywood Chapter 49, Disabled American Veterans, fought Jack Delaney, world light heavyweight champion, in 1923?

C. Davis
Beverly Hills, California

A. They fought on March 19, 1923 in Providence, Rhode Island, with O'Gatty giving away 25 pounds to the future champ. It was ruled no contest after five rounds.

The RING PUNCH LINES

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LEVINSKY FOUGHT DEMPSEY AND LOUIS, TOO

In Mr. Silver's boxing quiz in the February Issue of THE RING, the first question was who was the only fighter to have fought both Dempsey and Louis. The answer was Sharkey. I think if you look it up you will find also that Kingfish Levinsky fought both of them.

Charlie T. Wing
Detroit, Mich.

Silvers Reply:

In one sense you are right. Dempsey and the Kingfish did meet in the ring in Chicago, on February 18, 1932. However this bout was billed as an exhibition, limited to 4 rounds, and was one of about 100 such exhibitions that Jack engaged in during 1931-32. It was not a sanctioned full distance professional match and no decision was rendered at the end of the 4 rounds. Exhibitions are not listed as part of the official records of professional fighters. Joe Louis engaged in hundreds of exhibitions, many with top notch professionals, but these encounters are not part of Joe's official career record of 71 professional fights. The same holds true for Dempsey.

DECISION AN OUTRAGE

As a lifetime fan of boxing, I cannot adequately express my dismay over the shameful decision awarded to John Boudreaux over Scott LeDoux in the U.S. Heavyweight Championships. At a time when boxing is struggling to survive and in fact gain some semblance of national respect, it was truly a tragedy that this outrage was perpetrated on national television. In fact, it is events like this that can only hasten boxing's demise.

As the foremost publication in the field of boxing today, I urge you to use your good offices to demand an investiagation of that fight and the resultant decision. Nothing short of a public outrage and outcry can rectify the shame and disgrace that took place in Maryland on February 13th.

Daniel D. Leddy, Jr.
Staten Island, N.Y.

BOUDREAUX-LeDOUX BAD FOR BOXING

I have been an enthusiast of the art of pugilism for many years. When I heard that there was to be a tournament to decide a U.S. champion in eight different weight classes, I was overjoyed. But I have just observed the Scott LeDoux and Johnny Boudreaux fight, in which the decision was GIVEN to Johnny Boudreaux. Although I wanted Boudreaux to win, there was no way that he could have won the fight or even deserved a draw (no matter which way the fight was scored, whether by points or by rounds).

I cannot condone LeDoux throwing a punch at Boudreaux after the decision. But after all the bad decisions lately, mainly the Ali-Norton fight, in which the decision was unreal, it is very hard to judge him.

It is crude decisions such as these that hurt the fine art of boxing. This must stop before all the public becomes disenchanted with boxing and it becomes a total farce as wrestling is today. Boxing must climb up the ladder of the sport world to the top where it belongs. Please do all that you and your fine magazine can to bring boxing back.

Tim Byrne
Kenton, Ohio

THE WORST EVER

Having witnessed the Scott LeDoux-Johnny Boudreaux fight, I would have to say it was the worst decision I have ever seen. Boudreaux, in my opinion, only won one round, with two other rounds being even, and five rounds going to LeDoux.

Don't you think we have had enough bad decisions already? Boudreaux would have had to have knocked LeDoux out to have been awarded that fight. That decision makes the Young-Ali decision a great one in comparison. THE RING would have to be kidding to rate Boudreaux ahead of LeDoux now.

Bill Gurnett
Omaha, Nebraska

HOW ABOUT SOTO?

Well, Scott LeDoux was robbed against Johnny Boudreaux, then they gave him one he didn't deserve against Pedro Soto, so I guess that evens it up. Except for poor Soto, who had a definite edge up to the last two rounds. And since when do you make up for one robbery with another? Something has got to be done to improve the quality of fight judges.

Fred Hawkins
Williston Park, N.Y.

WESTON RATED THE NOD

Wilfredo Benitez is supposed to be so great, but I can't buy that. I saw him clown around like Muhammad Ali in the Garden (against Harold Weston) and I couldn't for the life of me figure out what fight those officials were looking at when they made it a draw. Weston may not have the big name like Benitez, but he comes to fight and he deserved to win. You're supposed to get points for aggressiveness, as I understand it, and not for sticking out your tongue and talking and doing the boogaloo.

Roosevelt Hodges
Newark, New Jersey

POOR SPORTSMANSHIP

What I just saw on TV has disgusted me a lot. John Conteh, whom I respected, I now dislike, because he showed very poor sportmanship by butting Len Hutchins on the eye. He even admitted that he concentrated on that eye.

John Conteh does not deserve to be a champion. I believe that Galindez can kick him on his English rear. The same as Richie Kates, he butted and threw a lot of low blows to Victor Galindez, Pierre Fourie and an unknown Don Rocker. Kates should be stripped of his boxing license for so many dirty fights and Conteh should be stripped of his title and license for his previous dirty fighting. They are disgrace to the light heavyweights.

Charles Chiabrando
Cherry Hill, N.J.

KUCIC'S THE CHAMPION

In the November number of the Ring we read the article, "Mate Parlov-Light Heavy King of Yugoslavia & Europe" by Umberto Branchini. In the introduction we find the particulars about a group of professional boxers in Ljubljana-telling that they do not form an association. In connection with this I'd like to inform you that indeed we have the only association of

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Marvis Frazier, sixteen-year-old son of former heavyweight champ Joe Frazier, brings his own rooting section to his fight in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ready to cheer him on are, from left, his mother, Florence Frazier, and sisters Weatta, 13; Jacqui, 15; Jonetta, 9, and Natasha, 6.

MARVIS FRAZIER-- A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK?

Marvin leaves the ring in Allentown with his trophy after winning a unanimous decision.

Does Marvis have what it takes to duplicate Joe Frazier's career? Only time will tell.

By HANK NARROW

THERE'S another Frazier on the boxing horizon. And, if he successfully follows in his father's footsteps, he'll be writing boxing history.

Marvis Frazier, the sixteen-year-old son of former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, recently launched his boxing career as an amateur heavyweight, and very quickly started to make a big name for himself in local and state competition.

In fact, after just two bouts, plus some heated sparring sessions with his father, Marvis entered the Pennsylvania Golden Gloves championships in the novice division.

He proved he has the same championship touch as Smokin' Joe, for Marvis whipped through four Golden Gloves bouts in fine style to become the state titleholder.

Marvis won decisions over Richard Bey and John Owens, and in the semi-finals, staged at Philadelphia's Arena, he knocked out James Nicholes of Harrisburg in two rounds. That put him in the finals at Philly's Spectrum, where, with his sisters and his proud parents looking on, he knocked out Jarrett Smith in the first round for the sub-novice crown.

This writer got a good look at young Marvis's ring abilities when he beat Richard Adkins of York, Pennsylvania, getting a unanimous decision in the feature match of a card of Las Vegas-styled boxing held in the ballroom of Allentown's Americus Hotel. The presentation was sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Old Time Boxers Association and was sanctioned by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission.

The Frazier-Adkins contest proved to be a spirited match. Adkins scored with sharp rights and Frazier connected repeatedly with strong left jabs. At the end of three rounds, the judges declared Marvis the winner.

Many ringside observers felt Marvis has better physical equipment than "Smokin' Joe." For one thing, Marvis stands six feet, one inch tall and weighs 185 pounds. He's almost two inches taller than his father, and he's still growing. Not only are his dimensions suited to the ring, but Marvis shows plenty of poise and boxing prowess.

His style is unlike his father's famous low stance, always moving in on an opponent. Marvis is a stand-up boxer, can bob and weave, and has good lateral movement.

Marvis is trained by Sam Hickman, who handles most of the young amateur fighters at the Smokin' Joe Frazier Gym in Philadelphia. Hickman insists the young Frazier has to develop a style best suited to his abilities.

While Marvis's style is different from Joe's, his objectives are no different. "My goal is to represent the United States on the 1980 Olympic Boxing Team at Moscow," Marvis told this reporter. Joe Frazier was, of course, an Olympic champ in 1964.

Joe was unable to be at ringside during his son's bout in Allentown. He was completing a sellout engagement at the Rainbow Grill in New York with his group "Joe Frazier and the Knockouts."

Nevertheless, Marvis had a strong cheering section led by his mother and four sisters. However, Mrs. Florence Frazier said she had some misgivings about her son's boxing career—she doesn't want Marvis to get hurt. Despite these maternal objections, Joe backs his son all the way, according to Marvis.

While it's no surprise that Marvis would go into boxing, he has also proved to be an exceptional athlete in other sports. At Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School near Philadelphia, where he is in 10th grade, Marvis has excelled at wrestling, football, and basketball. But since last summer, he has concentrated only on boxing.

He trains six or seven days a week. He does his homework after shcool, then goes to

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There has always been plenty of togetherness among the Fraziers. Joe had Marvis, then 12, and Joe's brother, Tom, along with him as he prepared for his July 1975 bout with Joe Bugner in London.

RING EXCLUSIVE: PALOMINO

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just right for me. Now going back I feel that there is no way he can beat me. He's the first and only fighter I felt, when climbing through the ring, that I KNEW that I could beat.

Ring: You're in the sports for money, as you have said. There is talk of a big money fight. If it's made, Mr. Roberto Duran will be stepping up to challenge you for your title. How would you feel about getting into the ring with Duran with the title at stake?

Champ: I've seen Roberto Duran fight just on national television. He seems to be very strong and powerful lightweight. But stepping up in weight he would be facing stronger fighters physically, and I would take it just as any other fight. I wouldn't worry about it too much. I would just prepare for it the same way I do for my other fights. He seems to be a strong fighter, but I don't consider him to be a great fighter. I feel there is a way to beat Duran.

Ring: If the fight should ever come off, do you think you could put Duran away or would it go the distance?

Champ: I'm not the predicting type. The one thing I learned is when you step in with a guy that can punch like Duran you never know what's going to happen. I punch pretty good myself so if it went fifteen I feel very confident I could beat him. But as far as stopping him, I wouldn't be able to say. I know that Duran couldn't push me around like me has pushed over lightweights. Physically, he's no match for me.

Ring: What was your biggest payday to date?

Champ: $60,000 for beating Muniz.

Ring: What is the guarantee for the return with Stracey?

Champ: $75,000.

Ring: When you hear about these different champions getting $100,000 to $150,000 per fight, what kind of fighter would you have to fight and where, in order to get that kind of money?

Champ: The Muniz fight should have earned me $150,000. Before signing for the Stracey fight as the challenger I had to give up two options to the English promoter. The two options were to defend the title twice under his promotion for certain guarantees. The first guarantee was for a title fight for $60,000, (with Muniz). The second was a rematch with Stracey for $75,000. He had me tied up so I couldn't negotiate for a higher purse: but after that obligation, I'm sure I won't fight anybody for less than $100,000.

Ring: Considering that the L.A. fight fans are predominately Mexican-Americans do you feel you could get a title fight here for $150,000 or do you feel that you would have to go to Mexico for that kind of money?

Champ: No. I feel that I could make that kind of purse here in L.A. Like you said, the big fight fans here are Mexican-Americans as far as the smaller weights are concerned, and after the Muniz fight I feel that I have proven myself. I have proven I'm ready to fight any welterweight in the division.

Ring: Do you consider yourself more of a boxer or a puncher?

Champ: I hopefully think I'm a combination of both. I think quite a bit in the ring. I think about what I have to do and what punches will work and what won't. In that way you must consider me a boxer, but I know I can punch. I have taken guys out with one shot with either hand.

Ring: In your career have you ever felt like you were hurt in the ring?

Champ: I've been knocked down twice with what you would call flash knockdowns. Andy Price, the first time, my first main event and only loss, dropped me in the tenth round with ten seconds to go to win the split decision. It was a flash thing; my knee touched and I jumped right back up. I was not hurt. The same thing happened against Muniz in the first round of the title go. I never have been hurt or dazed.

Ring: How often would you like to fight?

Champ: Well . . . . I would like to defend my title at least every three months. I'm not in this game to stay for a very long time. I'm in it for money and don't want to hang around past the age of thirty. My goal is to keep the title until thirty and then retire.

Ring: What would you say was the turning point in your career?

Champ: I think it was the loss to Andy Price. I was working out in Santa Ana and didn't have very good sparring against young kids. I couldn't go all out against 16-year-old amateurs. I had to hold back. After the loss Jackie told me, 'If you are going to make it you'll have to go where there is more sparring.' At that point I decided to drive to L.A. to work out. From there on I was a different fighter.

Ring: Do you feel that you have peaked yet or is there still a way to go?

Champ: I feel that I still have quite a ways to go. I'm learning every day and my confidence is getting better and better. Jose Napoles commented on my last fight which was televised live in Mexico City. He said that I have a few things to learn to become a great champion as far as he was concerned. He didn't learn what he knew overnight.

Ring: What opponent made you reach back for that something extra to get a win?

Champ: I fought a draw with a guy named Zovek Barajas. In that fight I had to reach back for that something extra, where it came from I don't know, but it was a hell of a fight, a very tough fight. I fought a dumb fight as I stood toe to toe with him and didn't do what I should have. My corner kept saying he's too strong, don't do that. He hit me and I forgot everything and fought his fight, I guess I was too mad. I was dead tired. The last three round I fought on guts alone. We fought a rematch and it was the easiest fight I ever had because I did everything Noe (Cruz) said and I stopped him in the ninth round.

Ring: What do you do between fights?

Champ: I was going to school. I graduated in December, now I'm just laying around the house. I just got back from Mexico and now an knocking on doors for a friend who is running for a city council seat here in Westminister.

Ring: Carlos, I thank you for the time you have spent with us. I hope that sometime in the future you will allow us to visit with your again.

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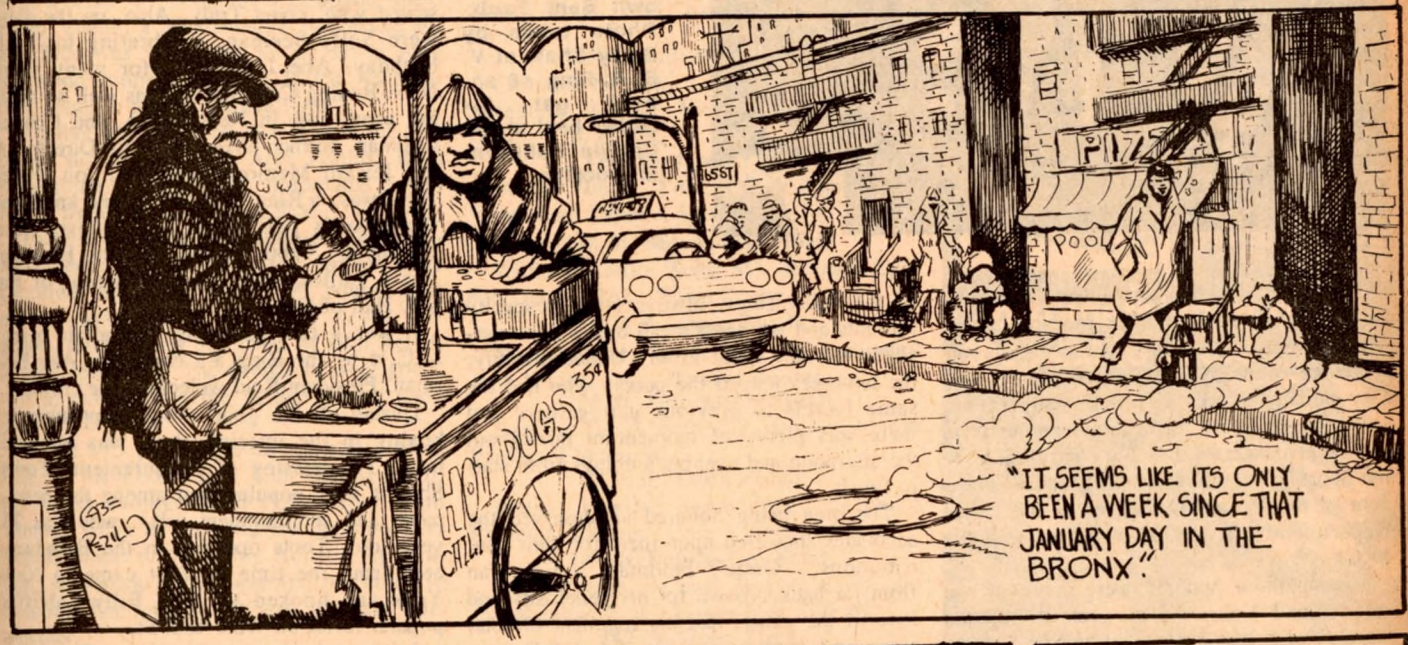

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Ossie Feldman, honoree, Abe J. Greene, famous former national Boxing Commissioner, and our own Sam Taub. Photo taken by Barry Shaw at V. B. A. Ring #8 annual get together held at the Carlyle Ballroom in Brooklyn.

THERE were big doings recently at the Downtown Athletic Club. The occasion was a special night by the Retired Detectives, City of New York, at which many of our sports figures were made honorary members and received certificates for contributions to the sporting world. John C. Mandel, president of the Retired Detectives of the Police Department, City of New York, was the M.C.

Among those honored were our own Nat Loubet and Yours Truly. Others inducted were John F.X. Condon, of the M.S. Garden, Frank Morris, Deputy Boxing Commissioner, ex-feather king Sandy Saddler, Referee Arthur Mercante, Bill Gallo, Cartoonist Daily News and Ring contributor, Bob Sacchi, co-author of Friday night's heroes and actor, Roger Donohue, Rudy Riska, Director of Athletics at the Downtown A.C., Walt Nichols, N.Y. Jets Coach, and Billy Graham.

Ceremonies followed a corned beef and cabbage dinner and drinks, of course. It was a fine gettogether.

Another capacity turnout was present at Al Reid's Ring #8 held its 22nd Annual Dinner and Dance at the popular Carlyle Ballroom, in Brooklyn, when the honorees were Arnold "Ossie" Feldman, boxing's #1 ambassador Frank Morris, Deputy Boxing Commissioner, Sam Markowitzz, former boxer and member of Ring #21, and little Abe Levine, former gladiator managed by the late Harold Scadron.

These annual gettogethers, held by many of the VBA rings, always attract capacity turnouts and we don't recall one which overshadowed this latest affair. Unquestionably, the honorees topped the people who had the same laurels at previous gettogethers and there was plenty of momentum throughout the afternoon and evening's doings from start to finish.

The men being honored all deserved the accolades showered upon them for their contributions. "Ossie" Feldman, a fight fan from far back, known for his generosity and love of the game, had his regiment of relatives and friends present. So did Deputy Boxing Commissioner Frank Morris, former member of the Police Department, who performed brilliantly as he became the National Guard heavyweight king. Finally his association as a member of the New York State Athletic Commission, of which he today is a Deputy Boxing Commissioner.

Then there was Sammy Markowitz, who was ring battler away back and met many of the stars of his era, eventually being part and still is a member of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn. He also had a part in many movies with other stars of his era. Associated with many organizations and finally a bigwig in Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn. Among his many associations outside of ringdom, Sammy has been affiliated with many enterprises and currently is Community Mayor of Borough Park.

The other honoree was little Abie Levine, a product of the East Side, who was a two-fisted little performer managed by Harold Scadron, who later piloted Bob Olin to the lightweight crown. Abe never became a champion but he was a real gladiator who battled the best in his era.

Among those sharing the spotlight on the dais, were ex-ring champions Lou Salica, Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, Phil Terranova and Solly Seeman, who went West to become the Pacific Coast junior lightweight king, seated with Yours Truly. Also, on the dais, were Solly Seeman, celebrating his 75th birthday. Abe J. Greene, for many years NBA Boxing Commissioner as well as holding same post in New Jersey, and Charles Gellman, former boxer and now Director of the Jewish Memorial Hospital, on Upper Broadway, a Ring #8 member and known as the boxer's pal. Other dais guests were Sammy C. Venti, World's Boxing Historian Ass'n Editor, and Charley Speno, of the N.J. Hall of Fame.

It was a fine gathering, the affair being M.C.'d by the Ring #8 chairman, Abe Berman. President Reid welcomed the crowd.

During all the good things happening in boxing in the interim, there was one sad note. The passing of restauranteur, Toots Shor, a very popular man among the newspaper and entertainment folks, who was 73 years old. Toots operated in the Broadway area from the time he first came to New York and hooked up with Billy LaHiff's popular resort on West 48th St.

In his early days on Broadway, Toots was a very close friend of Jack Dempsey's. A native of Philadelphia, Toots had many friends among the sports figures in boxing, baseball and other sports and counted, among his pals, many of our topnotch personalities in the newspaper world. He loved all sports, especially baseball and boxing, and the sports giants, from the days of Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey, loved him. The Big men in the Fourth Estate, the Damon Runyans, Red Smiths and others of his class, were his buddies. Also, Bob Considine, Jimmy Cannon, Frankie Graham, all now gone. If he called you a "crum-bum" that meant he loved you.

Like Jack Dempsey's late spot in the Brill Building, the Toots Shor drinking emporium on East 52nd St., and other night spots, were the gathering place of the important folks not only of the sport world but of the theatre, vaudeville and film profession. Toots was a happy sort of man and his passing was mourned by his many friends.

51ST ANNUAL GOLDEN GLOVES

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as both exploded, with Nieto inflicting the most damage and winning the duke. LaPorte's left eye was almost closed when it was over. This was a real Donnybrook.

In the 125 pound sub-novice class, Wilfredo Lanzo, of the Solar Sporting Club, was the more proficient operator and managed to outscore and win the duke over Lyndon Denny, of the Police Athletic League.

Kenneth Davis, brother of Howard Davis, appeared in the 135 pound sub-novice championship duel with Martin Parham, of the Empire Sporting Club, a popular guy who is a freshman at Bronx Community College. This was a lively one, too, and the crowd let out quite a few boos as Davis was announced as the winner.

In a scrap involving the 135 pound open, Pedro Vilella, a Manhattanite competing unattached, was victorious in his set-to with Raymond Johnson, United Block Association. Johnson put up a brave fight.

Another good performance was in the 147 pound sub-novice when Alex Ramos, from the Jerome Boxing Club, outpointed Julian Kelly, from the Lower East Side.

There was plenty of excitement and argument about the decision after Robert Cruz captured the duke in the 160 pound sub-novice championship class over Kevin Ferguson, representing the Town of Islip Recreation Department. The fireworks were good, and in our opinion the verdict was a good one.

In the 175 pound sub-novice class, Male Hill, of the Lower East Side Boxing Club, prevented another West Point entry from winning when he received the decision over Robert Jones, of the Army Athletic Association, who made a great attempt, but failed to outpoint his foeman. It was a lively get-together.

In the 175 pound open, Sam Campbell, of the Police Athletic League, a product from Brooklyn, proved a bit too much for Michael Chestnut, also of the PAL, who was counted out after 2:38 action in the first round. Referee Randy Sandy, a great performer in his day, called Dr. Edwin Campbell to look at Chestnut after he was knocked down and then halted the fracas.

One of the other highlights of the affair was the technical kayo scored by Edward Gregg, from the New York City Recreation Department, Referee Sandy Saddler calling a halt after Gregg had dropped Peter Minott, of the Solar Sporting Club, for the second time, the end coming after only one minute of action. Gregg was one of the big wheels. This was advertised as the battle of knockout artists, each man having scored four kayos. Gregg started fast and had his man on the canvas in quick time. When Minott got up he was still staggering. He then fell to the canvas, and Referee Sandy called it off after one minute of action.

And then came the final on the eighteen card program, when Mitchell Green, United Block Association, pulverized and made quick work of his opponent, Guy Casale, Empire Sporting Club, who was touted as a possible new Rocky Marciano, when Ref Saddler again intervened after the second knockdown, with the finish coming after only 2 minutes and 15 seconds of action.

Gloves Champions

(106 lb. Sub-Novice Final)

Jimmy Gomez, Morrisania Youth Center, defeated Fernando Linares, Yonkers PAL.

(106 lb. Open Final)

Miguel Rosario, Castle Hill AC, defeated Hector Torres, Madison Square Boys' Club.

(112 lb. Sub-Novice Final)

Gino Gelormino, Levittown Youth Council, defeated Kenneth Mitchell, Morrisania Youth Center.

(112 lb. Open Final)

Paul Devorce, Yonkers PAL, defeated Henry Brent, NYC Recreation, St. John's Center.

(118 lb. Sub-Novice Final)

Carmelo Negron, Lower East Side AC, defeated Wayne Moore, Empire SC, (RSC—1:20 of 2d).

(118 lb. Open Final)

Joseph Nietro, PAL, Lynch Center, defeated Juan Laporte, Lunar BC.

(126 lb. Sub-Novice Final)

Wilfredo Lanzo, Solar SC, defeated Lyndon Denny, PAL, Wynn Center.

(126 lb. Open Final)

Steven Price, Castle Hill AC, defeated John Hodge, PAL, Howard Houses.

(135 lb. Sub-Novice Final)

Kenneth Davis, Solar SC, defeated Martin Parham, Empire SC.

(135 lb. Open Final)

Pedro Vilella, unattached, defeated Raymond Johnson, United Block Ass'n.

147 lb. Sub-Novice Final

Alex Ramos, Jerome Boxing Club, defeated Julian Kelly, Lower East Side AC.

147 lb. Open Final

David Moore, Morrisania Youth Center, defeated Mark Harris, PAL, Wynn Center.

160 lb. Sub-Novice Final

Robert Cruz, Centereach Boxing Club, defeated Kevin Ferguson, Islip Recreation Dept.

160 lb. Open Final

Paul Christiani, Army AA, West Point, defeated Johnny Hayes, Morrisania Youth Center.

175 lb. Sub-Novice Final

Male Hill, Lower East Side AC, defeated Robert Jones, Army AA, West Point.

175 lb. Open Final

Sam Cambell, PAL, Howard House, defeated Michael Chestnut, PAL, Howard Houses. (RSC—2:38 of 1st).

Edward Gregg, NYC Recreation, St. John's Center, defeated Peter Minott, Solar SC. (RSC—1:00 of 1st).

(Heavyweight Open Final)

Mitchell Green, United Block Ass'n., defeated Guy Cassale, Empire SC. (RSC—2:15 of 1st).

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4—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
5—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
6—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
7—Howard Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Johnny Boudreaux, Houston, Texas
9—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
10—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
11—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
12—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
13—John Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
14—Tom Prater, Indianapolis, Ind.
15—Kevin Isaac, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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*Title Vacant
1—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
2—Jesse Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
4—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
5—Vonzell Johnson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
6—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
7—Mike Rossman, Turnesville, N.J.
8—Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
10—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
11—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
12—Tony Greene, Miami, Fla.
13—Willie Taylor, Brooklyn, N.Y.
14—Donald Biff Cline, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
15—Marvin Camel, Missoula, Mont.

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*Title Vacant
1—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
2—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
6—Rocky Mosley, Jr., N.Y.
7—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
8—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
9—Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
10—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
11—Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas
12—Ron Harris, Akron, Ohio
13—Doug Demmings, Minneapolis, Minn.
14—Willie Warren, Houston, Texas
15—Karl Vinson, Los Angeles, Calif.

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*Title Vacant
1—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
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3—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
4—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
5—Tony Gardner, Memphis, Tenn.
6—Gene Wells, Mobile, Ala.
7—Ike Fluellen, Houston, Texas
8—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
9—Jackie Smith, Boston, Mass.
10—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
11—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
12—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
13—Ray Phillips, Houston, Texas
14—Gary Guiden, Muncie, Ind.
15—Reuben Lopez, Philadelphia, Pa.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
2—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
5—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
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13—Rafael Rodriguez, Minneapolis, Minn.
14—Anthony House, Winston-Salem, N.C.
15—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
4—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
6—Freddie Harris, Bossier City, La.
7—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
8—Jimmy Corkum, Brockton, Mass.
9—Johnny Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
10—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
11—Larry Stanton, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.
12—Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
13—John Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
14—Santo Solis, Puerto Rico
15—Lou Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
3—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
4—Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J.
5—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
6—Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.
7—Vinnie DeBarros, Waterbury, Conn.
8—Tommy Rose, Shernborn, Mass.
9—Pat Dolan, New York, N.Y.
10—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
11—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
12—Jerry Kornele, Houston, Texas
13—Andrew Ganigan, Hawaii
14—Blackie Zamora, Corpus Christi, Texas
15—Felix Perez, New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
4—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
5—Roy Hernandez, Corpus Christi, Texas
6—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
8—Carlos Becerril, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
11—Kenny Weldon, Houston, Texas
12—Nacho Jiminez, Sacramento, Calif.
13—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
14—Bill Pearish, Joplin, Mo.
15—Jimmy Lopez, Salem, N.H.

*Champion

FEATHERWEIGHTS

*Title Vacant
1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Reuben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
3—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
4—Richard Rozelle, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—James Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
6—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
7—Gaby Cantrera, San Antonio, Texas
8—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
9—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
11—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
12—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
13—Ernesto Grefe, San Antonio, Texas
14—Jimmy Farrell, Rickland, Mass.
15—Willie Chatman, Detroit, Mich.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*Title Vacant
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Ignacio Osornio, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
9—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
12—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
13—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
14—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Harrison Kiger, Galveston, Texas

FLYWEIGHTS

*Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
1—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—David Romahlo, Lowell, Mass.
8—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Sergio Reyes, Laredo, Texas

WALLACE TOPS GENE WELLS

By MAX SEIBEL

Phoenix, Ariz. — The question before the house was, "How good is Edgar (Bad News) Wallace?"

Wallace, packing TNT in his right fist, had put back-to-back foes away quickly: Art Alderete in 2:09 of the first round and Bobby Rascon in a minute of action.

Not really tests, so promoter Steve Eisner beckoned Gene Wells out of Orlando, Florida, to test his middleweight. After all, Wells was tried and tested with 50 wins under his belt.

So, in a fight delayed a month while Wells was recovering from an attack of flu, the fight brought a new peak to the Phoenix boxing revival. A crowd of 1,982 brought a gate of over $9,000 to Phoenix' downtown Civic Plaza.

And Wallace, even though startled by Wells' back-up defensive show, came through by taking a unanimous 10-round decision. He did not lose a round and dictated the strategy of the fight in the second round.

Wells threw a left jab at Wallace in the second. Wallace returned with a right to Wells' brow.

"I knew after that I can't fight the guy," Wells stated afterward. "If I do try to fight him, he'll knock me stupid. I've boxed 'em all and he hits as hard as anyone I've fought. Hitting him is like hitting a fire hydrant."

So Wells employed evasive tactics.

"I thought maybe I'd try to tire him out since he hasn't gone over the first round recently," Wells added. "But I wasn't strong enough to tire him."

Wallace, now 7-0, spent much of the night headhunting and admitted he learned a lot against the more experienced native of Mobile, Alabama.

"He's a counter-puncher with a lot of experience. I didn't want to take any chances going to the body. I learned a whole lot. Like they say, you are supposed to take 80 per cent of the ring and give him 20. He showed me a lot about that."

Unbeaten heavyweight Gary Bates, of Phoenix, headed the undercard by knocking out Gary Bates of Las Vegas at 2:06 of the second round. Phoenix youngster Jerry Chatham, a junior middleweight, flattened Barrientos Hernandes, of Mexico, at 2:26 of the second round. Middleweight Packy Paulson, of Mesa, knocked out Manuel Silva at 2:09 of the second and 118-pounders Johnny Mesa and Candy Inglesio drew.

Wells, meanwhile, told Eisner he has a fine prospect in Wallace.

"He'd whip Mike Quarry," Wells said. "He punches too hard for Mike and he's quicker than Mike. And he'd beat Rudy Robles. Rudy would have to do the same thing I did tonight—run.

"But," he concluded, "I've got news for you. He's going to have problems getting fights now."

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WHAT NOW, GEORGE FOREMAN?

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off the floor from a left-right combo. He beat the count, but referee Abraham Chavaria halted the bout.

In other bouts on the card, heavyweights Larry Holmes and Ozzie Ocasio both scored kayo wins. Holmes, Easton, Pennsylvania, halted New Yorker Greg Johnson in five, while Ocasio, San Juan, took only 2:36 of the first round to kayo Orlando, Florida's Gene Idolette.

Rounding out the nite, lightweight Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico, stopped a Mexican named Garcia.

A crowd of over 9,000 witnessed this Don King Production with coverage back in the states over A.B.C. TV.

WILLIE RITCHIE

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Ritchie and his wife went to live in Milbrae, a San Francisco suburb, where for pastime he raised roses, camellias and rhododendrons. In 21 years of boxing he had only been cut twice. He said that he had been wounded more times by thorns on his roses than in all of his days in the ring.

Ritchie died in March 1975 at the age of 85. He was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Eddie Muller, San Francisco Examiner's boxing writer and historian, in an obit on the Boxing Hall of Famer, even recalled the birthplace and house number: "213 Clara Street near Fifth, which was adjacent to where the BART (Bay Area's Rapid Transit) station is now located."

Eddie concluded, "With Ritchie's passing only one San Francisco-born former champion still lives. He is Frankie Klick, who once held the junior lightweight title, a crown now sought by another San Franciscan, Ray Lunny III."

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was stopped. Rossman scaled 173, Anderson, 174.

The second ten spot on the card, a duel between Harold Weston, Jr., 145¾ pounds, from New York City, against a lankier and longer armed Jimmy Heair, who hailed from El Paso, Texas, and weighed 144 pounds, proved interesting. Weston, who always comes to fight, while not as experienced as his Southern adversary, nevertheless fought a well planned battle, working out of a crouch, using an effective left jab and puzzling the good-looking kid from down South.

The action was good. Heair tried hard, but he had an elusive man confronting him and Weston, who is a good student and listens avidly to what Gil Clancy tells him to do, fought his usual fine fight. Yet the tension was there because Heair, reputedly a belter, as his 23 kayos will attest, was always dangerous. It was a good performance. Weston was an unanimous winner. Referee Joe Santarpia and Judge Aidala both had it 7-3 and Judge Sam Irom scored 8-2. Our score for Weston was 7-2-1.

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The opening ten, in which a couple of former Olympic champs were the principals, turned out to be a very dull affair. The main fault was that both are southpaws. Ron Harris, a product of Canton, Ohio, scaling 158½ pounds, was able to outfox Sugar Ray Seales, from Seattle, Washington, 158, and made it a shutout. It was a boring affair, not that the boys didn't try, but the two southpaws were too much.

As a result, Harris, a 1968 Olympic gold medalist, made it 21 wins in a row while Seales, a 1972 Olympic champ, was tagged with his fourth loss, winning 30 and 1 draw. Harris, clever and quick, managed to thwart his man while Seales was frustrated throughout. The crowd was dissatisfied with the lack of action. The official scoring had Kronowitz and Irom scoring all ten heats for Harris, as we did, while Aidala had it 8-1-1. The boys tried, but it turned out to be uninteresting. However, Harris proved his superiority.

There were also two four-rounders on the Teddy Brenner card to start the fireworks. Gerry Cooney, 208½ pounds, from New York, made quick work of his initial Garden appearance, when he disposed of Joe Roberson, from Hartford, Connecticut, 187, in 1:58 of the second round. In the other four, Bill Connell, from Highlands, N.J., 200, scored two knockdowns in the first round, the second at the bell, eventually getting the verdict over Phil Brozier, from Warren, Ohio, 205 pounds.

Among the ex-champions at the extravaganza were former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier and Emile Griffith, one time welter and middleweight king, who is still active. Also Duane Bobick. As we said, it was a good show.

BING EASILY WINS FIRST MAIN EVENT

By JIM McCLOY

Wilmington, Delaware — Over 1,000 fans packed Fournier Hall to see Ernest Bing, 130, Atlantic City, N.J. win his first main event by TKO'ing Carlos Duprey, 128, Philadelphia, Pa., via San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 1:41 of the fifth round of a scheduled eight. Bing landed left jabs and hooks virtually at will against Duprey, who could not avoid the rapid blows. Duprey's nose was bleeding badly when referee Hank Cisco terminated the affair. Bing was a late substitute for Ronnie McGarvey, who signed for a junior lightweight title match with Alfredo Escalera. Bing is now 8-2 and Duprey 9-5.

In the semi-final six, John McQueen, 133, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, scored a close decision over Quentin Blackman, 137, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The other bouts were all scheduled for four rounds. Local hero Joe Tiberi, 149, Newark, Delaware, the fighting carpenter, won his second pro start when Frankie Sumter, 150, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, unable to answer the bell for round two. Sumter was jolted by good left hooks in the first and also injured his thumb.

Clayton Ambrose, 161, Atlantic City, N.J. handed Frankie Crossan, 168, Bellmawr, N.J. his first pro loss by winning a split decision. Ambrose dropped Crossan in the first round and held off a late rally by his opponent. Steve Arvin, 162, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, put Tommy Mitses, 162, Crum Lynne, Pennsylvania, down for the full count at 2:41 of the first. George Chaplin, 210, Baltimore, Maryland, won a hard fought brawl over Robert Hill, 200, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

Roy Harris, seen in his fighting prime back in 1958, is a successful businessman today.

IT was back in the summer of 1958 that ROY HARRIS, the heavyweigt from Cut 'N Shoot, Texas, climbed through the ropes in Los Angeles to challenge the then champ FLOYD PATTERSON for the world title. Prior to the fight the news media beat the drums about HARRIS—the kid from the shack in the thickets—his hillbilly background. Most of this, as it usually is, was pure ballyhoo to build up the gate. Today ROY HARRIS is a successful businessman in his hometown of Cut 'N Shoot—weighs in at 230—up from his fighting weight of 195, and is 43 years old. ROY is still married to GLORIA JEAN GROSS, who feeds him mostly health food. He shuns tobacco and alcohol and even coffee. His sister HELEN, who was photographed by the shack before the fight, is now HELEN HEINRICH of Houston, and she has a Ph.D in English. ROY drives a big red Cadillac and he hasn't sparred for nearly a year now, but says he could get in shape mighty quick if given a "shot" at ALI—who wouldn't? His old trainer BILL GORE is deceased. HARRIS received $100,000 for his end for the title fight, his manager took 50 grand and $20,000 went for taxes—so ROY wound up with $30,000 and the loss. Today ROY HARRIS is in the real estate business, and his business is good—so good in fact, that he rarely practices law although he is a licensed attorney. ROY has come a long way from the shack in the thicket, he's a mighty proud guy—he gave it his all in anything he undertook—FLOYD PATTERSON can attest to this!!! Big JIM BEATTIE, long retired heavyweight (he played the role of JIM JEFFRIES in the JACK JOHNSON movie "The Great White Hope") came out of retirement at Oklahoma City to kayo ERNIE SMITH on a PAT O'GRADY promotion at the Ramada Inn. Maybe JIM is serious and could turn out to be the great white hope!!! JESSIE BURNETT, glove trotting light-heavyweight contender is in the same boat as MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER, the Brockton, Massachusetts, middleweight. They are both too good for their own good, and no one wants to box them. BURNETT is managed by JESSIE REID—white, and a straight guy—while BURNETT is black, with a ghetto background and an ex-con. They hit it off really well. . . .Latest import of ANGELO DUNDEE is the British Commonwealth middleweight king MONTY BETHAM from New Zealand. Born in Western Samoa on September 27, 1952, as MONTGOMERY RICHARD BETHAM, the young gladiator began his boxing career among the amateurs in Western Samoa where he was victorious in 58 of 59 outings. He is co-managed by BOB JONES, prominent New Zealand businessman. He turned pro on February 19, 1973. He'll bear watching after his schooling at the factory in Miami Beach! Former heavyweight contender LOU NOVA had lunch at GENE FULLMER'S new restaurant at Midvale, Utah—five miles outside of Salt Lake City. NOVA reports that FULLMER is toiling over the hot stove for twelve hours a day, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and has put on 20 pounds—being around food twelve hours a day is not going to enlighten GENE FULLMER as how to become enlightened! BOBO OLSON, former world middleweight champ, was honored at the San Francisco Athletic Club. They inducted BOBO into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. If all of OLSON'S kids had shown up, they would have doubled the house. OLSON is deserving of the honor. Congressman DANIEL AKAKA and SENATOR SPARK MATSUNAGA both from Hawaii, OLSON'S homestate, were on hand for the honor to their native son. . . .Most everyone connected with boxing agrees with many critics who call "Rocky" the greatest fight film ever—I thought so—don't miss it—believe me. Former heavyweight contender JERRY QUARRY cracked the promotional end of the game with his partner JOE WILLIAMS in Seattle—QUARRY should do all right, as he knows this business—and is willing to put the time and money into a show to make it successful. Good luck, JERRY. . . .Oakland, California, welterweight BABS McCARTHEY is now under the management of JOE WEST of Seattle. Whatever became of WEST'S middleweight socker, FRASER SCOTT? While in and around Oakland, you can't tell New Oakland Gym owner, DAVEY LEWIS that boxing is dying; all 84 lockers and 18 private rooms are occupied at his gym. . . .HOWIE STEINDLER, owner of the Main Street Gym in Los Angeles, bought his wife, ANN, a Cadillac Seville for Valentines Day. Could it be that HOWIE is in the chips, since his fighter DANNY LOPEZ won the world featherweight title? VICTOR PEREZ has hung up his gloves. His last fight at the Orlando, Florida, Sports Stadium he lost to neighborhood chum, KIP BRADEN, but PEREZ, nicknamed TACO, told me he quit long before that. He has reached his goal in boxing—physically he's fine—but mentally the desire is gone. TACO was not blessed with a boxer's build—his arms are short, legs too heavy and his hands, slow, as were his feet. He was a brawler who always gave his all—and most of the time it was enough. He has been a credit to boxing—and boxing will miss him. . .we wish you well in your new field or endeavor as an insurance salesman TACO! The word in that ART HAFEY has suffered with an inherited disease—myotonia congenits—or in the language of the layman, Thomsen's disease. It kept his body rigid and forever seizing up on him. Also prevented HAFEY from moving well and having no control of his body. He took a lot of punches that otherwise he would have avoided. HAFEY has two apartment buildings, a piece of land, plus a bank account. . . .MAX SCHMELING, ex-heavyweight king, is getting $200,000 up front for his book. MAX will get more from his German publisher—of course—it should be interesting reading, as SCHMELING is one of the all time ring greats. . . .If Oakland, California, middleweight GEORGE COOPER intends to ply his trade in his native California, he will have to appear before the state athletic commission there before he can resume campaigning after a felony conviction and probation. COOPER has been boxing in the southwest since leaving the home state.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

Sandoval Hammers Out Gutierrez

LOS ANGELES—Facing his first "name" opponent, Albert (Superfly) Sandoval, 116, hammered out a ninth round knockout victory over veteran Halimi Gutierrez, 115½, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Referee Chuck Hassett stopped the fight after Gutierrez went down from a hard right hand. Up till then, Sandoval was in complete charge, enroute to his 17th straight win. It was the Pomona boxer's 11th knockout.

One of the better crowds of the year, over 3000, paid $14,419.

In a companion 10-rounder, Mike Stuart, 115, Los Angeles, nodded Carlos Alcivar, 116½, Ecuador. Stuart dropped the Ecuadoran in the second round.

Other results: Jose Valencia, 126¾, Los Angeles, and Eulogio Bojorquez, 128, Mexico, drew (4); Oscar Muniz, 120, Montebello, won a decision over Rene Silva, 118, Nicaragua, (6).

▲SAN CARLOS—Jose Talamantez, 136, San Jose, was sharp in halting Pete Constancio, 137, Fresno, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at Circle Star Theatre.

In the six round semifinal, Morris White, 203½, San Francisco, knocked out Big Bill Baker, 276, Oakland, in the sixth round.

Charles Terrell, 163½, San Francisco, took a KO over James Castagnola, 164½, San Francisco, (5).

The gate was $3,523.

▲SAN CARLOS—Erwin Williams, 156, Oakland, captured a lopsided 10 round decision over Andre Beard, 158, Los Angeles, at Circle Star Theatre.

Williams upped his record to 8-0.

A former San Francisco Examiner Golden Glove champion, the 23-year-old Williams almost ended the match in the eighth when he dropped Beard for an eight count.

Beard fought back gamely from the knockdown to finish the bout.

Promoter Joe Gagilardi had a turnout of close to one thousand fans and a gate of $3,620.

Other results: Leonel Valencia, 124, Redwood City, decisioned Alex Cota, 126, Los Angeles, (6); Junior Albers, 160, Eureka, won a KO over Charles Terrel, 161, San Francisco, (5); Greg McPherson, 159, San Jose, KO'd Henry Hearns, 160½, Lancaster, (5).

▲LOS ANGELES—Ecuadorian featherweights Kleber Viteri and Hector Cortez won rather easy 10-rounders in separate 10-rounders at the Olympic Auditorium.

Viteri, 125½, Quinto, pitched a shutout against outclassed Jorge Torres, 126, Los Angeles.

Cortez, 124, Guayaquil, had few problems in outpointing lefty Sergio Ayala, 125, Tijuana, Mexico.

Art Frias, 132½, the protege of attorney Norman Kaplan, scored his tenth win by decisioning Paul Monge, 131½, Los Angeles, in six rounds.

In a four rounder, Martin Avila, 128½, East Los Angeles, nodded Chris Terracino, 132, Los Angeles.

▲LOS ANGELES—Junior lightweight contender Carlos Becerril, 133, Mexico City, registered four knockdowns in stopping Jose Medrano, 134½, El Paso, at the Olympic Auditorium.

When Medrano showed little interest in arising from his fourth trip to the canvas, referee Larry Rozadilla raised Carlos' mitt.

The time was 2:02 of the second round.

For Becerril it was his 24th win and 18th knockout. He is ranked eighth by the World Boxing Council.

The gate was $3559.50.

Other results: Zeffie Gonzalez, 151½, Montebello, decisioned Marvin Sanders, 150½, Los Angeles, (6); Gil Valdez, 146½, East Los Angeles, and Liborio Sandoval, 147, Mexico, drew (6); Elogio Bojorquez, 127, Mexico, decisioned Horace Purifoy, 123, Los Angeles, (4).

▲LOS ANGELES—Bernardo Mercado, 207, Colombia, managed by brothel owner Joe Conforte, posted his 14th win against no losses by stopping Dan Johnson, 212, Los Angeles, in the seventh round, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Albert "Superfly" Sandoval, above, 116, took out Halimi Gutierrez, 115½, in the ninth round of their Los Angeles fight.

Mercado, who now fights out of Reno, was listless in the early rounds, but found the range in the sixth.

He set up Johnson with a stiff right, then dropped him into a sitting posture on the ropes' bottom strand with a thundering left hook.

The bell came to Big Dan's rescue.

The South American stalked his rival through most of the seventh. With the clock winding down, he blistered Johnson with a right hand.

Johnson wobbled, then clutched at Mercado's trunks in a dazed condition, which caused referee Lou Filippo to stop it at the 2:54 mark.

Madison Square Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner was on hand and said that, "Mercado is as good looking a heavyweight prospect there is in the country."

Montebello lightweight Art Frias, 131½, continued his win streak, scoring a knockout over Enrique Pazos, 135, Los Angeles, in the first round of a scheduled six rounder. It was Frias' 13th straight.

Cole St. John, 166½, Hawthorne, decisioned Len Vanisi, 165½, Los Angeles, (6); Norm Sweeney, 174, Santa Ana, won a KO over Gene Miera, 177, Los Angeles, (1).

▲SACRAMENTO—Veteran Filipino welterweight Rudy Barro surprised Adolfo Viruet of New York in their 10-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

Barro, who has just lost to Andy Price in Las Vegas, came on with a fast finish to grab off a close decision. Rudy weighed 148, Viruet, 144½.

In a companion 10-rounder, Bernardo Mercado, 220, Bogota, Colombia, stopped King Solomon, 209, Oakland, at 38 seconds of the first round.

Tony Sanchez, 132½, Sacramento, and Ignacio Bravo, 134, San Jose, battled to a draw in a six rounder.

Promoter Babe Griffin had a nice turnout of 2230 fans and a gate of $9,812.

▲SAN DIEGO—Local favorite Miguel Mayon, 136½, National City, dished out a boxing lesson to Basilio Onate, 135½, Los Angeles, winning their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

David Wynne, 198, San Diego, knocked out Gary Gahn, 178½, San Diego, in the fourth round of their scheduled six rounder. Miguel Ruiz, 129, Mexico, shaded Santiago Meza, 129½, Los Angeles, in another six rounder.

The gate was $2,156.

▲LOS ANGELES—El Paso's Pancho Del Toro, 139½, won a narrow, but unpopular 10 round verdict over Ramiro Bolanos, 140, Eucador, at the Olympic Auditorium.

There were no knockdowns in the fast moving bout which saw Del Toro come on strong to take the last round. This edge gave him the decision.

Referee Larry Rozadilla and judge Lou Filippo awarded the contest to Del Toro by point totals of 96-95 and 97-94 respectively. Judge Bobby Rings had it even, 96-96.

In a women's match, Lady Tyger Tremiar, 133, Los Angeles, decisioned Lily Rodriguez, 128, in four rounds.

Other results: Gonzalo Montellano, 137, East Los Angeles, won a KO over Canelo Salinas, 136½, Los Angeles, (3); Chuck Baker, 230, Oakland, took a decision over Phelps Se'c, 207, Los Angeles, (5).

The gate was $6255.

▲SACRAMENTO—Bernardo Mecarado, 207, Bogata, Colombia, wasted no time with King Solomon, 211, Chicago, in their scheduled 10-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

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DOES T.V. NEED BOXING

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title bout, Victor Galindez from Argentina and Bob Foster, the ex-champion currently residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Just look at the angles of that fight. Galindez, a young, hard-hitting South American, has been introduced to a relatively foreign nation, South Africa. And there he has found a home, so to speak. Foster, who has been virtually retired since 1974, is coming back to South Africa, because he had performed there—and brilliantly—in 1973. The Afrikaners don't recognize his skidding: they merely remember what he showed.

What is also fascinating is the way in which the TV networks have continued to jockey with each other. ABC outbids CBS, then CBS outbids ABC. CBS signs Ken Norton, ABC signs George Foreman. Yet they are rather coy when it comes to divulging the amount of money it took to snare a fight away.

NBC, until recently the laggard, has made a serious effort to control the fight situation. It grabbed the fight between Ken Norton and Duane Bobick at the Garden, it also would have taken an Ali-Bobick bout if one had been available. It indicates an awareness of what ABC and CBS are doing.

Taking the long view, one must wonder what will happen to TV boxing when Ali finally retires. Remember his draft defiance caught him at the very peak of his career and cost him valuable years of competition he otherwise would have had. Well, he has said that 1977 will be his last year. He has been around almost 20 years, amateur and pro, and that's enough.

At the risk of posting a premise, I think boxing has come back in a more comfortable position than when NBC said smugly "the gangsters have it in their hands," etc. The important thing is that TV has learned it NEEDS BOXING. It's plain that the close quarters of boxing with its close shots, its hot drama and sheer violence provides excitement. What does ABC throw at us in its commercials for the Wide World of Sports? "The agony of defeat and the thrill of victory?" That fits boxing.

Actually there may be another Clay, or Ali, around the corner. TV has discarded the old idea of a good puncher being needed (Ali *never* could hit). It's just that he must be colorful. And TV has encouraged kids to talk a blue streak.

Another thing with the TV tycoons: They know how to tailor their product. Just look at the way they sell patent medicine to cure your body odor, kill the common cold, etc. They can switch.

For example, they can make smaller boxers popular. Those little men did all right by America in the 1976 Olympiad, even though they did not knock Teofilo Stevenson off the perch. He was, you'll remember, Cuba's heavyweight champion for the second time. An interesting sidelight, the Cubans, or the Communists, wouldn't let Teo play in TV boxing.

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LAYTON TAKES AUSTRALIAN JR. MIDDLE TITLE

By RAY MITCHELL

When is a draw a draw? It never ceases to amaze me that some officials are not sufficiently acquainted with the rules to know that when two judges and a referee officiate in a boxing contest the majority decision establishes the winner.

It happened again on March 4 at a place called Lavington, on the border between the Australian States of New South Wales and Victoria. Referee Johnny Gorkom, former light heavyweight champion of Australia, scored Reno Zurik winner on points over Acki Puncher. The two judges cards were announced as having the boxers even. So a draw was the right verdict. But the announcement was made that Zurik was the winner on points!

This brought an explosion from Puncher's manager, so the decision was changed and it was announced that the verdict was a draw. Rightly so.

But Gorkom screamed a protest—under what "rule" was not reported. He said the decision must go to Zurik! There was a huddle, then it was found that one judge had added his card incorrectly. The recount showed he had scored the fight to Puncher with a one-point margin. So it was one-one-one, and no one argued about the third announcement: a draw. Justice was served.

Pre-fight publicity stated that Puncher was defending his N.S.W. State light heavyweight title against Zurik. It also stated that Puncher "from Tonga" had won 21 of his 26 fights. Both statements were false. The N.S.W. State light heavy champion is Joe Vella. Puncher never held the title. And in 20 fights in Australia, Puncher had won only six.

Someone handled the truth very loosely!

▲**Bankstown RSL Club** — Johnny Holt, who won the Australian junior middleweight title in August last year, being undefeated through a pro career of 17 fights (all wins, no draws), has gotten himself in trouble and has had to hand in his title. So Benny Holt, brother of John—and a real gentleman—met Johnny Layton at Bankstown RSL Club recently, with the winner to meet Torkano Marcos for the vacant title. Holt won clearly over ten rounds, but Layton got the title fight because Benny refused it "at this stage."

▲**South Sydney Junior Leagues Club** — Layton met Marcos for the vacant throne, and Layton halted Marcos in the ninth round when referee, doctor and Torkano's manager all agreed that Torkano's cut eye, and the other closing, were too severe for him to battle a further three minutes.

Layton had a commanding lead, in any case, and could not have been overtaken by any legitimate rules of scoring, though he had to pick himself off the floor in the third round.

Layton's 38 fights gave him a great edge in experience over 10-fight Marcos. John was much too fast. But Marcos is a great prospect who yet may wear an Australian crown.

▲**Back to Bankstown** — On the night that Holt beat Layton there was another ten-rounder in which Ron Sheldon, 155, had a clear points win over Phil Khan, 154. The fight was rewarded with a shower of coins.

▲**Melbourne** — It was a hard, wearing fight over ten at Melbourne Festival Hall when Matt Ropis, former lightweight champion of Australia, scaling 140, battled to a draw against young Joe Gibilisco, 136¼. A real crowd-pleaser.

▲**Cardiff** — Another former champion was in action during the month. Big Jim West, former flyweight king of Australia and the Commonwealth, really is big now. No weights announced, but I had it on good authority that West came in close to 154. How about that? He met young Phil "Spider" Davies who scaled around 144, and West decked Davies in the first round. Spider got up and from then on it was Spider practically all the way. Davies on points. Venue was Cardiff Workers Club.

▲**Marrickville** — Ted Gray was a welter in 1972. Gradually he grew, but at Marrickville he tipped the toledos at 201. Looked grossly out of condition and overweight. Dragan Todorovic, 187, did as expected under the circumstances. Referee Alf Weymark called it off in the third round and crowned Todorovic. Gray was standing against the ropes taking it.

▲**South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford** — Amos Moses, 180, vs. Ruby Steele, 178. It was their fourth meeting and was to be the decider. As far as this writer is concerned, it was not the decider, because Moses got in on a split, and that I could not see. Unofficially I carded Steele ahead by three points, thus being close to the ref who saw Steele a two-point winner over the eight rounds.

▲**One week later at the same venue** Lou Hirst, 149, had a runaway points win over Steve Campbell, 146. Willing fight but Campbell is a perennial loser. Eight-round main.

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GREEN OUTPOINTS GUILLOTI

Argentina's Mario Guilloti wades into British and European light welterweight champion Dave "Boy" Green with a two fisted attack during their London bout. Green got the nod, but the crowd favored Guilloti.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON—Dave "Boy" Green, British and European light welterweight champion, outpointed experienced Mario Guilloti, 30-year-old Argentinian, 148½, over ten rounds.

This one was different from most of Dave's previous bouts, in that he was up against a durable opponent who knew his way around the ring, and there was never any chance of Dave stopping him.

The points margin of 99-97 caused boos from some of the spectators, and it was a fight that Dave will probably be glad to forget as quickly as possible.

Nevertheless the victory for Green with the experience of meeting a man like Guilloti will prove invaluable to Dave.

Green tried hard enough to make an impression on the Argentinian, jabbing away with his left hand and throwing a lot of punches, but they didn't always land. Guilloti, boxing from a crouch with gloves held high, proved a difficult target to pin down.

This caused Green to show quite a bit of frustration at times, but there were also occasions when Guilloti turned it on, opening out with clusters of punches. He did this only in fits and starts, however, and Mario earned applause more from his clever evasive tactics than from any positive work.

Incidents were few. Guilloti took a right to the head in the fourth that made him blink. Green's nose bled from the fifth, during which round there was slow handclapping from fans who were disappointed that Dave wasn't making mincemeat of his opponent.

Some people are never satisfied. Green cannot reasonably be expected to annihilate every opponent he meets, and in spite of the apparent lack of action, the bout was an interesting duel between a fine young prospect and a seasoned campaigner who knew all the answers, but couldn't always put them into practice.

Guilloti must have known that barring accidents he could go the distance, but he wasn't able to do enough to win.

Guilloti looked good as he ducked and dodged, and in the ninth he landed some good punches from both hands, with Green maybe taking a breather.

The last round went to Green. He moved forward confidently, jabbing accurately, and crossing his right to good effect.

It had been a clean fight, and Guilloti had earned his money. Green won't meet men like Mario every night, and is still learning.

It was Dave's 23rd straight win as a pro.

Just three weeks after winning the vacant British light middleweight title, Jimmy Batten, 152¾, was back in the same ring to tackle American Jimmy Savage, 155¼, and survived a first round knockdown to stop his man in the second session.

After the two sized each other up, Savage unleashed a right hand that caught his opponent on the head. Batten went down, took a count of eight, got up. Savage came in. Batten's nose bled, and miracle of miracles, Batten was not only fighting back, but outgaming the American.

Savage had to use some clever ringcraft to keep out of trouble until the end of the first round, and then he went pensively to his corner.

Batten wasted no time in the second, coming out quickly, stalking his man purposefully and then dropping him with a right cross.

Savage wisely stayed down for six, but when he got up Batten would not be denied and subjected his opponent to a fusilade of punches that caused the referee to intervene just 45 seconds before the end of the round.

It was the 18th win in 20 bouts for the 21-year-old Batten, and he showed maturity in getting off the canvas to win so convincingly.

Yet another champion, Paddy Maguire, Belfast, British bantam titleholder, won his fight, beating George Sutton, Merthyr, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled eight when Sutton's right eyebrow was cut.

Both were inside 120.

Sutton came in as a substitute, and put up quite a scrap. Indeed, there were those who thought he may even have won had it not been for the injury, and also for the fact that Maguire was three times warned for alleged low punches, the last time being a final warning.

Maguire did not consider the punches low, but the referee was adamant, and a section of the crowd booed as Paddy left the ring.

An exciting contest. Maguire didn't have things all his own way, and was caught with some good punches, one of which caused a slight graze over his left eye.

The pace was a torrid one, and Maguire concentrated on the body in the early stages, switching to the head late in the third, when Sutton's eye was cut.

It was toe-to-toe stuff most of the time, and it was a pity the bout had to be stopped because of Sutton's injury.

Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 158¾, kayoed Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 158¼, in 1 minute 56 seconds of the first round to take the latter's Southern Area middleweight title.

Three weeks earlier, in the same ring, Tompkins had caused a shock by stopping highly thought of Bill Knight in four; this time he did even better.

Cain was down twice, each time from a right to the jaw, and after he rose the second time, Tompkins just banged away with both hands. Cain eventually falling through the ropes and on to the ring apron.

He tried hard to beat the count, actually getting back into the ring, but he was adjudged to have been counted out. Cain then sagged down again, and his legs would not respond as he was helped to his corner.

There can be no doubt that Tompkins punches hard and is improving each time he enters the ring.

Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 135, kayoed Jeff Pritchard, 129¾, in the third of a scheduled six. A right to the head did the trick, perfectly timed, and it was quite a while before Pritchard was fully conscious again.

Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 121, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Lee Graham, Finchley, 123, over six twos by 59½-58. Davidson did well to overcome the handicap of a swelling under the left tye, and he was cut in the corner of the same eye in the final round.

Dave Smith, Eltham, 116¾, gained his fourth win in a row by outpointing Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 116, over six threes by 60-57½, not losing a round.

This confirmed a previous victory, and Bott spent the later stages concentrating on defense. Smith varied his punches well.

▲**St. Andrew's Sporting Club, Glasgow**—Champion Jim Watt kept his British lightweight title and made the Lonsdale Belt his own property by beating Johnny Claydon, London, the bout being stopped in the tenth of a scheduled fifteen after Claydon had been down four times.

Watt had a terrific ovation from his fellow-Scots, as did Claydon for contesting the issue to the point of exhaustion.

Claydon had got his chance because of a cut-eye victory over Watt some eight months earlier, but Watt was the master on this occasion.

Yet it was Claydon who impressed early on, and for three rounds he showed confidence and zip. But the fast pace he set proved his own undoing as the fight progressed.

From the third Johnny was slower, and Watt was beginning to find his range. The latter's southpaw right jab landed repeatedly on his opponent's face in the fourth, and in the following round Watt moved forward persistently, hooking accurately with his left and making things uncomfortable for his opponent.

There was a swelling around Claydon's right eye, and he was tiring quickly now, yet tring his best to throw punches and keep his man at bay.

In the eighth came a warning to Claydon for alleged misuse of the head, but Johnny was weary, and the injury to his right eye had worsened.

The first knockdown came in the ninth, when a left hook sent him to one knee. He rose at eight, and fought back, but the writing was on the wall.

Four times Johnny was down in the tenth, and his task looked hopeless. Referee Wally Thom intervened as the challenger went down for the last time from a left hook, and that was that.

Full marks to Claydon for pluck, and also to Watt for a "champion" performance. The former's turn will come again, and the 28-year-old Watt served notice that it will take a very good man to beat him.

Don Aagesen, Airdrie, 129½, drew with Kevin Doherty, West Ham, 130, over six. Good fight, fair result.

Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 159, outpointed Jim Thompson, Glasgow, 160, over six by a narrow 59-58½. Robinson's rally did the trick after an uncertain start.

▲**Northampton Salon**—Tony Poole, Northampton, 155, kayoed Carlton Lyons, Manchester, 158, in the second of a scheduled eight.

This was the first promotion in this town for nearly seven years. and a packed house augured well for the future. Local favourite Poole was responsible in the main. and he didn't let his supporters down.

Nothing happened until early in the second when Lyons elected to punch it out. and fared badly. being outpunched and going down from a right to the head.

He took the full count on one knee. an unusual way to be kayoed.

Colin Ward. Northampton. 149¼. outscored Nicky Bevans. Kettering. 143½. over six by 60-57½. not losing a round. Bevans was decked three times.

Young Daly. Northampton. 132½. outpointed Tony Vernon. Kettering. by 40-39 over four twos. Daly did most of the chasing and finished strongly.

Dave Mullings. Tottenham. 173. gained a debatable points win against Manny Gabriel. Wellingborough. 174½. by 60-59 over six twos. The winner worked well at close quarters. but was caught by some good right hands and was cut over the left eye.

▲National Sporting Club, London—Dill Collins. Llantwit Major. 137½. outpointed Gary Dunks. Stepney. 138. by 79-78 over eight. putting the issue beyond doubt with a strong effort in the last couple of rounds. Dunks did well in the early stages. especially at close quarters. but Collins improved considerably in the fourth. and Dunk's nose bled in the following round.

In the sixth Dunks was down from a right hand that caught him off-balance. and a confident Collins dictated matters in the final session.

Toy Gumbs. Tottenham. 163½. tried hard to stop Bonny McKenzie. Cardiff. 167. but the latter survived and Gumbs won by 80-78½ over eight twos. McKenzie was down in the fourth. and three times during the fight slipped through the ropes. Yet he had a good finish.

Eddie Vierling. Southampton. 171. beat Dee Cascoe. New Cross. 178. the bout being stopped in the second of a scheduled six. Cascoe did the early attacking. but Vierling stayed and punched with him.

Vierling's nose bled. but he dropped his opponent with a right hand. Cascoe nose bled. but he dropped his opponent with a right hand. Cascoe rose at four. was subjected to intense pressure. whereupon the referee intervened.

Bob Mays. Islington. 158. beat Owen Lotriet. Southampton. 162½. the referee intervening in the third after the latter had been down three times.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham—Central Area light welterweight champion Chris Walker. Retford. 143. comfortably outpointed Jim Montague. Belfast. 143. over eight by 79½-77½. Walker boxed coolly and confidently against his southpaw opponent. and apart from a period in the sixth. was in command.

Albert Coley. Birhmingham. 135. narrowly outscored Winston Spencer. Walworth. over six twos by 59-58½. A bit of a maul.

Joe Jackson. Coventry. 163. outscored Dave Merrell. Leeds. 162. over six by 59½-58. Merrell was down in the second.

Bertie Green. Birmingham. 150. outpo..ted Cyril Bishton. Derby. 156. by 40-38½ over four.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London—Patrons at the club tossed in nobbins to the value of £31 after the drawn eight-rounder between Steve Angell. Hemel Hempstead. 150½. and Paul Shutt. Leicester. 154. the latter keeping his unbeaten record in his ninth bout. the previous eight being victories.

The more experienced Angell started confidently. and his southpaw right lead frequently found its target on his opponent's face.

From the third onwards Shutt found his range and several toe-to-toe exchanges ensued that had the fans applauding spontaneously.

Angell took a few heavy punches. He bled from the nose and had a cut over the left eye. As Shutt put on the pressure Angell stood and punched it out with him.

A good fourth round for Angell. but Shutt came back in the sixth. Then it was Angell's turn again. and so it went on until the final bell.

A popular result. and one which had the patrons applauding in the final minute of the fight.

Tommy Davitt. Tufnell Park. 143. outscored Earl Noel. Brixton. 150. by 59½-58 over six twos. Davitt looked useful as he outjabbed his man and made light of his weight handicap. Noel was game enough. but bled from the nose from the first round and was cut on the right eyebrow in the final session.

Terry Mintus. Leeds. 192½. outscored Derek Simpkin. Swadlincote. over eight twos by 79½-77. Too much mauling and too little action in this one.

Kevin Docherty. West Ham. 130 drew with Lee Graham. Finchley. 126. over six. A gruelling contest. with Docherty doing well early on. and Graham putting in a good finish.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend—Pat Brogan. Crewe. 164. outpointed Mick Hussey. Islington. 163. over eight twos by 80-76½. It was Brogan's third victory over Hussey. and he won without losing a round.

It was Brogan's determination not to be lured into close-quarter exchanges that won him the fight. He kept Hussey on the end of his long jab. and although the latter never stopped trying he was outboxed.

The prize of £100 donated by Crockfords for "the best fight of the night" went to Mick Lock. Croydon. 162. and Owen Robinson. Birmingham. 160. Lock won their eight-rounder on points by the narrow margin of 59-58½. but many though Robinson deserved at least a draw.

George Gray. Canvey Island. 181. comfortably outpointed Keith Johnson. Barnsley. 189. over eight twos by 79½-78. Gray forced it throughout. and Johnson was forced to hold on frequently.

Earl Noel. Walworth. 143. outscored Marty Jacobs. Liverpool. 141. over six twos by 59-58. Jacobs was down in the third. but up almost immediately. and contested it strongly.

There were some hectic exchanges. Jacobs was cut on the lip. but Noel's clearner punching saw him home.

Don Aagesen. Birmingham. 130. outpointed Graham Laybourne. Barnsley. 128. by 60-58 over six twos. not losing a round.

▲National Sporting Club, London—Ray Cattouse. Balham. 138. made it ten in a row by outpointing Dill Collins. Llantwit Major. 138. over eight by 79-77½.

Nearly £28 in nobbins came into the ring at the close.

A hard fight. but with too many infringements. and referee Sid Nathan was frequently in action with censures.

Cattouse showed the greater variety of punches. and was the harder hitter. but Collins stuck to his job and after an unsteady period in the third kept out of serious trouble.

Eddie Burke. Woodside. 162½. beat Mick Lock. Croydon. 165. the referee intervening after 59 seconds of the opener. Lock had been decked three times.

John Foley. Hammersmith. 185. outpointed Billy Warner. Brighton. 194. by 40-39 over four. Foley's punches were the more accurate.

▲Top Rank Suite, Swansea—Alan Copp. Swansea. 146. gained a narrow points victory against Chris Glover. Liverpool. 143. by 79-78½. over eight twos. This was Glover's first defeat in six bouts. and many disagreed with the decision. Copp was aggressive. but Glover always seemed equal to the occasion and his punches were more accurate.

Roysie Francis. Manchester. 151. kayoed Michael (brother of Alan) Copp. Swansea 149½. in the third.

A peculiar ending. Copp had been down once. and got up almost immediately. The second time he was decked there was a misunderstanding with his corner as to how far the count had gotten. and although he seemed ready to continue the fray the referee adjudged he had gotten up too late.

Colin Breen. Swansea. 163½. outscored Tony Burnett. Caerphilly. 165½. over six twos by 60-59. Southpaw Burnett brought his greater experience into play. but Breen was worth his victory.

George Sutton. Cardiff. 125. beat substitute Steve Enwright. Halifax. 121½. the referee intervening in the second round after Enwright had been decked for nine. and was in no position to defend himself.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London—Ugandan-bron Cornelius Bosa-Edwards. Harrow. 136¼. underlined his immense potential by beating experienced George McGurk. Jarrow. 136¼. the referee intervening after McGurk had been decked four times. two seconds before the end of the first round.

It was the fifth straight win as a pro for the 20-year-old Bosa. and when one remembers that it was McGurk's 50th bout. that he holds an inside-distance win over champion Vernon Sollas. and that he had only lost by stoppages on two occasions and been kayoed once (by Dave Green. another champion) this was. to say the least. an impressive performance.

It seemed that every time Bosa hit McGurk the latter wilted. The first knockdown was a left uppercut. the second a right hook. the third a left uppercut and the fourth a left to the body.

McGurk used his lengthy ring know-how to try to keep out of trouble. covering up. boxing from a crouch. but there was no escape. Picking his punches coolly. Bosa did a fine demolition job.

One problem now—how many British fighters will want to get in the same ring with him? Only the top men. and it wouldn't be good policy to engage them yet.

Clinton McKenzie: Jamaican-born Croydon-based. 144½. beat Harry Watson. 147¼. the bout terminating at the end of the fourth when the latter retired.

No knockdowns. but Watson looked a well-beaten boxer. It was McKenzie's fourth win in succession as a pro. and the first he had won inside schedule.

Johnny Waldron. Poplar. 177. was another boxer who kept his unbeaten record. defeating Henry Cooper. Larkhall. 172¾. the referee intervening in the fifth after Cooper had twice been down.

Keith Bussey. Camberwell. 160¼. completed the quartet of unbeaten boxers on this bill who all kept their records by comfortably outpointing John Breen. Belfast. 162¾. over six twos by 60-57½.

Breen had some uncomfortable moments and bled from the nose. but gamely saw it through. When Bussey did put on the pressure. he was too eager and his timing was off.

▲Merthyr Sports Centre—Johnny Wall. 134½. won the Welsh lightweight title by outpointing the holder Martyn Galleozzie. 132. over ten rounds by 99-97½.

Nobbins poured in afterwards, and the boxers shared £37.

These two seem to be able to turn it on to order, as when they met before (a non-title ten-rounder) nobbins also came into the ring.

The difference was that last time Galleozzie won on points, this time it was Wall's turn, and he deserved his victory.

There's an old cliche about the "survival of the fittest," and that's just what this one was all about.

They simply traded punches, first one getting on top, then the other, but in the end it was Galleozzie who had to give way. If he had stood off and boxed he may have fared better, but who knows?

Both boxers come from Merthyr, so both had plenty of support, and no love was lost between them in the ring. Blows were exchanged after the bell, both were marked and cut facially, but after the halfway mark Wall gradually forged ahead.

Johnny had one anxious moment in the final session when he was caught by a hefty left to the jaw that shook him, but there wasn't enough time for Galleozzie to follow up his advantage. A grand scrap.

Gareth Jones, Merthyr, 163, outscored Winston Cousins, Manchester, 168, by 79-78, a scoreline with which not everyone agreed. A hard eight-rounder, and the loser got a fine ovation.

John Owens, Merthyr, 116¾, kept his unbeaten record in his fourth fight by outpointing Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 116½, by 79½-79 over eight. Their third contest, with two wins to Owens, the other being drawn.

Billy Vivian, New Tredegar, 134½, won every round in outpointing Bartom McAllister, Clapham, 140, by 80-76 over eight. Last time they drew.

Ceri Collins, Merthyr, 138, outscored Alan Jones, Merthyr, 140, by 59½-58 over six twos. Debutant Collins slipped down in the first round but proved the more accurate puncher.

Bimbo Pearce, Newport, 182, had a rousing bout with Granville Lloyd, Pontypool, 169, winning on points by 60-57½. Not a lot of skill, but plenty of honest endeavour.

▲National Sporting Club, London—John Smith. Glasgow. 157. outpointed Carl Thomas. Cardiff. 161¼. over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78. Smith thus improved on their previous meeting. when he was knocked out.

Understandably Thomas kept coming forward. trying to repeat his success. and also understandbly Smith concentrated on his defences.

As the fight progressed. and Thomas failing to land a deciding punch. Smith grew in confidence. and stepped up the tempo.

In this battle of tactics. there was little excitement. apart from one or two hefty shots that Thomas did manage to land. but he didn't manage this often enough. and the result seemed fair.

John Laine. Highgate. beat Joe Hannaford. Liverpool. 156. the referee intervening in the fifth of a scheduled eight twos when Hannafbrd had been decked twice.

Eddie Vieling. Southampton. 172. outpointed George Lewis. Earsfield. 170½ by 60-57½. over six twos. Vieling was down at the end of the fourth. but came back well to outjab his man.

Marty Jacobs. Liverpool. 140. defeated debutant Mark

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Joe Bugner (E)
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. Denton Ruddock (J)
6. John L. Gardner (E)
7. Isaac Hussien (E)
8. Tony Moore (J)
9. Neville Meade (J)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Tim Wood (E)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Joe Vella (A)
10. Al Gattling (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Carlos Marks (Tr)
6. Julius Lupia (Z)
7. Daniel Levesque (C)
8. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
9. Semi Bula (A)
10. Alec Tompkins (E)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant.)
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Johnny Holt (A)
5. Neil Pattel (A)
6. Larry Paul (E)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Daviano Pellegrini (C)
9. Joe Keresi (Suva)
10. Albert Hillman (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Ayub Kalule (Ugan)
5. Steve Dennis (A)
6. Kirkland Laing (J)
7. Billy Waith (W)
8. Johnny Pincham (E)
9. Achille Mitchell (E)
10. Peter Morris (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Pap)
2. Dave Green (E)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Gaeton Hart (C)
7. Herbie McLean (S)
8. Kerry Bell (A)
9. Chris Walker (E)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Barry Michael (A)
3. Andy Broome (A)
4. Charlie Nash (I)
5. Matt Ropis (A)
6. Lachine Austin (A)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Len Blackmore (Guy)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Tr)
10. Percy Hayles (J)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Les Pickett (W)
7. Dave Needham (E)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Tommy Glencross (S)
10. Eddie Ndukwu (N)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Johnny Owen (W)
10. George Sutton (W)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Charlie Brown (A)
3. Steve Bell (A)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. There is no official contender at present.

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"MAD DOG" ROSS KEEPS WINNING

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

Orlando — Southern junior middleweight champion Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross continues to mow 'em down.

Ross, 153½, Orlando, halted tough Tony Gardner, 154, Memphis, with a barrage of lefts and rights at 1:18 of the second round. The win upped the Mad Dog's record to 41-1-1, with 32 KOs. Gardner boxed well the opening session, using a stiff jab to set up his vaunted right hand, but an inspired Ross, who has a one-track mind in the ring—to knock out anybody placed in front of him—kept coming and punching and his relentless assault was finally just too much for Tony.

The Tennessean, who fought Elisha Obed for the world title last year, was only down once, but it was enough. Gardner arose at the count of eight, but was glassy-eyed, and although he protested that he could continue, referee Taco Perez did the smart thing in ending matters. Gardner then made a fine announcement over the PA system, congratulating Ross and telling the fans that they had a surefire world champion in their midst, as soon as the Mad Dog gets a title shot.

Ross went into the fracas as THE RING's No. 4 U.S. junior middle, while Gardner was No. 7. The winner was promised a crack at former world-rated contender Irish Gene Wells, also from Orlando. A Wells-Ross battle, with Gene's Southern middleweight crown and Edgar's Southern 154-pound title both on the line, would mean an all-time Orlando Sports Stadium record house for promoter Pete Ashlock and matchmaker Bruce Trampler.

In fact, Wells had just fought two days earlier to boost his career mark to 51-11-4. So combined, Ross vs. Wells would pit a pair of fighters with an overall 92-12-5 record!!!

Underneath Ross' KO of Gardner:

Sanford's Kip Braden, 161, had to hustle to take an eight-round split decision from Eddie Davis, 158, Tampa. No knockdowns, but Davis had a badly cut eye, while Braden was staggered twice. Milton Owens, 161, Orlando, won his eleventh straight by outpointing Johnny Evans, 164, Miami, in another eight.

Scott "Golden Boy" Clark, 147½, Orlando, stopped Simmie Black, 142½, Memphis, with a jolting right to the ribs midway through the second round.

In a mild upset, veteran Eugene Idlette, 194, Vero Beach, Fla., took a six-round split decision from Al Migliorato, 188, Orlando.

A highlight of the show was the official retirement ceremony for former Southern junior middleweight champion Victor "Taco" Perez of Sanford. Ring announcer Jim Hayes and promoter Ashlock presented the Taco kid with a beautiful plaque from his stablemates, the Sports Stadium Boxing Department, and the fans.

Perez, 30, is now a successful insurance salesman. A pro since 1970, he concluded his career with a 37-27-3 record, and 20 KO wins. At one point, his record was only 14-21-1. He matured late, but came a long way the second half of his career. Boxing took Taco to London, England, where he was outpointed by current British champion Jimmy Batten, and to Durban, South Africa, where Gert Steyn halted Perez in one, among other notable fights.

▲**Fernandina Beach** — Class always tells, and brave local slugger Max Hord just couldn't match Irish Gene Wells in experience and ability in their Southern middleweight title bout at the High School Gym.

Wells, 156, Orlando, scored four knockdowns in registering an eighth-round TKO over an exhausted and battered Hord in therir scheduled 12-rounder. Even his hometown fans did not accord Max much chance of registering an upset, but Hord was in there firing as hard as he could, for as long as he could.

On several occasions, Hord trapped the masterful Wells on the ropes, but Gene boxed out of trouble and dominated most of the action. Referee Frankie Santore, one of Florida's top lightweights, had no choice but to halt the bout after Max hit the canvas for the third time in round eight. The crowd gave the battlers a standing ovation at the end of the fight, which was preceded by eight amateur scraps.

▲**Orlando** — Back on the winning track, Houston's brilliant Termite Watkins scored a lopsided 10-round decision over Speedy Gonzalez of Miami in the Sports Stadium main event. Unfortunately, only Termite came to fight, while Speedy chose to survive the distance as best he could.

Watkins, now 31-2, never came close to finishing his man in a dull match. Gonzalez had showed well in copping a split decision over Frankie Santore in his only previous local showing, but this time played it so safe that fans were dozing off as Termite tried every trick he knew to draw Speedy out of his shell, to no avail.

Frankie Santore, 135, Orlando, whipped rugged Roberto Tijerina, 136, Dallas, for the full eight rounds to run his record to 18-3-1.

Monstrous Lou Esa, 255, Miami, scored his second straight local KO when he blasted out Fred Wallace, 195, Dallas, in the first round. Big Louie is now 11-1-1.

Two other prospects won their second straight pro fights. John Tallarico, 181, Orlando, flattened Barry Smith, 183, Dallas, in two, and Richard Gonzalez, 140, Miami and New Orleans, halted John Morgan, 143, Dallas, in the second, too. Gonzales, no relation to headliner Speedy, is managed by Angelo Dundee and a protege of former world light heavyweight champ Willie Pastrano.

▲**Nassau, Bahamas** — A couple Central Florida fighters journeyed to the islands under the guidance of Solomon McTier, only to taste defeat.

Bahamian middleweight champ Sammy Barr whacked out Walter Newell, of Eustis, Fla., in one round. Outstanding light heavyweight prospect Ernie Barr took out Willie Goodman of Eustis in the fourth. In an all-Bahamian six, heavyweight Carl Baker outpointed Phil Fritz.

▲**Orlando, Fla.** — For once, Mr. Excitement got shown up. Joey Vincent, former Southern middleweight champion and still Florida welter boss, got to take a back seat for thrills at the Orlando Sports Stadium, even though Joey retained his state title with a third-round kayo over Jimmy Cook, 146½, Pensacola.

Vincent, 147, toyed with Cook, taunting his less experienced foe and belaboring the visitor with a variety of punches until he floored Cook at 0:27 of the third. It was an easy one for Joey, who still drew loud choruses of boos and cheers alike from the very vocal factions which root either for or against Mr. Excitement.

Joey is now 31-5-2, 27 KOs, while Cook slipped to 16-7. A mismatch maybe, but it built back some of the confidence Joey lost in his grueling defeat to current Southern middleweight king Irish Gene Wells. Vincent vs. Tony Gardner looks to be a good future attraction.

The star of promoter Pete Ashlock's seventh card of the year here was unbeaten Milton Owens, 161, Orlando by way of St. Petersburg, Fla. Known as the "Black Widow," Owens dropped Sammy Barr, 162, Bahamas, in the second round and boxed brilliantly to win a unanimous eight-round decision. Managed by attorney Charles Andrews, this kid Owens looks like he'll make some fighter in the not too distant future. He's 12-0 now.

The rest of the undercard was very good, also, in contrast to Vincent-Cook.

Frankie Santore, 136, Orlando, halted Gypsy Mike Whymms, 143, Bahamas, who didn't answer the bell for round four.

Slammin' Sammy NeSmith, 157½, Indianapolis, traded bombs with Al Moss, 156, Bahamas. Until NeSmith stiffened Moss at 2:25 of the first round. Sammy, sent to Orlando by manager Fred Berns to work with trainer Dominick Polo, is now 18-3, 16 KOs (including nine in the first round!).

Speaking of first-round blitzes, quickie KO specialist Lou Esa, 246, Miami, had to go the six-round distance to outpoint Phil Fritz, 205, Bahamas.

Three Orlando amateurs, trained by Jim Molinell, won their bouts preceding the professional action. A small crowd of 856 was on hand.

▲**Notes 'N' Quotes:** The South is suddenly coming to life from a boxing standpoint. Six weeks into 1977, there were already 23 cards (including 11 in Florida), with more to come. By the end of March, new clubs were opening in Tampa (promoters John Ormsby and Bob Aarskaug, matchmaker Bruce Trampler), and the state capital of Tallahassee (Millard Collins, promoter, and Bruce Trampler also making those matches). Orlando is sticking to a twice-monthly schedule, for the Ashlock-Trampler combine, and down south in Miami Beach, Chris Dundee was cranking up again as dates at the Convention Hall became available. Fernandina Beach promoter Jim Peacock was getting local middle Max Hord ready for his third card of the year, and Richard Stacy down in Fort Lauderdale was going to try again. . . Orlando has a fine young nucleus of talent in middleweight Milton Owens (12-0), welter Scotty Clark (12-1), and lightie Frankie Santore (19-3-1). . .

A new promoter named Millard Collins will reopen the capital city of Tallahassee this spring, retaining Orlando matchmaker Bruce Trampler to put together his shows. . .meanwhile, Dave Peaden (who ran a December show in Pensacola), has quit the fight game for health reasons. . . .Fernandina Beach promoter Jim Peacock wants to co-feature his star middleweight, Max Hord, and some other Florida talent such as Scott Clark, Frankie Santore, and Lou Esa. . .Nothing doing in Tampa, Jacksonville, or Fort Lauderdale from a promotional standpoint. . . Jim Molinell is doing a fine job, handling amateurs in Orlando Sports Stadium Gym: Molinell is an ex-copper from New York City, and a very gifted boxing instructor whose charges always fare well on the twice-monthly Orlando cards.

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often stated, it would give the new boxing giants, like television, guide lines upon which to operate and hopefully would also maintain some semblance of balance and control over boxing so that television does not eat up the sport and then spit out the pits leaving nothing but debris.

Now that boxing, thanks to Muhammad Ali, has become a really big money game it would seem that it just might occur to someone in the U.S. government that the sport should have someone appointed who could insure proper administration, that officials are all qualified and briefed as to how they should perform their various jobs, that all the rules should be the same throughout the U.S., that the various state and city commissions remain, but be supervised from the central authority. It may seem "old hat," but this would insure among other things, that suspensions by one commission would be sustained throughout the U.S. after a review by the central authority and that all decisions pertinent to boxing would be subject to review, investigation and proper adminstration.

Won't someone "up there" care, really care?

U.S. BOXING TOURNEY

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stopped Charley (Big Tuna) Jordan, of Detroit with an eye cut after three rounds.

"Most inmates like this kind of entertainment," said Warden E.P. (Pete) Perini, a former Ohio State football player. The prisoners cheered wildly throughout the nearly four hours of boxing, especially when Veronica Bedell got into the ring to carry the round cards.

On April 2, the tournament moves into its semi-final round. "I am extremely pleased with the progress of the tournament so far," King says. "We have certainly had plenty of excitement."

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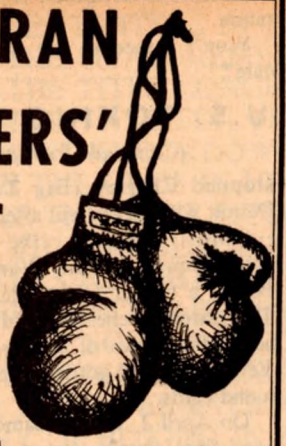

By Harry Warren

BEFORE I launch into the my column I would like to clarify a couple of items that may have been misleading. I mentioned that Jimmy Slavin is friendly with Suey Welch, and I should have said the late Suey Welsh, with whom Jimmy *was* friendly. There was also an item about Steve Hamas, of New Jersey, and that, too, should have read the *late* Steve Hamas.

Former world flyweight champion Terry Allen, a staunch member of the London Ex-Boxers Association, is a member of the ex-boxers official darts team. His trophies are now alongside his RING magazine world title belt and his Lord Lonsdale belts.

Larry Gains, former Canadian and British Empire heavyweight champion has written his bio, *The Impossible Dream*. It's among the bestsellers in Great Britain. Obtainable through Secretary Jack Powell of the L.E.B.A. 36, St. Peter's St, London, England.NI.8JT.

Tony Karam, trainer at the Phoenix Amateur Boxing Club in Pretoria, South Africa, is regarded as the top trainer in the city. Among big names in the South African boxing scene are Jimmy Richards and Dirk Van Den Westhuizen as professionals. He runs a smart gymnasium.

Mark Kram of Sports Illustrated has been given rights to do a story of Ken Norton's next picture. Believe it—Ken is to portray Battling Siki—in "The Rise and Fall of Battling Siki." This should prove an interesting fight film. . . . Heard that the old-time fight manager Marv Jenson underwent brain surgery at Salt Lake City for a tumor. This veteran manager steered Gene Fullmer to the middleweight championship.

Jackie "Kid" Berg, former Jr. Welter champion of the world, will be celebrating his 68th birthday on June 28. . . . When visiting Miami Beach, Florida, it might prove interesting for you to visit the Concord Cafeteria, at Collins Avenue and 20th Street. That's the meeting spot for all the oldtime fighters at that resort city.

Back in the 20's and 30's Chuck Halper battled one and all in the tri-state area, but using boxing as a stepping stone to gaining an education, he saved his pennies and did eventually obtain degrees. Using his right name, Charles Gellman, would have been a give-away as his parents objected to pugilism. Today, Gellman is the Executive Director of the Jewish Memorial Hospital at 196th Street and Broadway, New York City, past President of the Hospital Association of New York State, and dozens of other outstanding civic duty plaques adorn his office walls. At the recent hospital workers strike, VBA, Ring 8, members rallied around and helped out their former boxing. pal. Jack Dempsey, Johnnie Addie, Charley "Phil" Rosenberg, Mickey Walker, Jack Grebelsky, Bobby Gleason, Mickey Shaw, Phil Bloom, are just a few fistic personalities who have been treated at the hospital . . .

Rose Lewis has been secretary to James A. Farley, Jr., of the New York State Athletic Commission for 40-years, and is proud of her husband, Doctor Harry Lewis. He was recently honored by New York State. . . .

Tom Parker is secretary of the Sunderland Ex-Boxers Association in the North of England. "We already have 100 members," writes Tom. "Perhaps other former fighters will contact me at AEU Club, 2 Norfolf Street, Sunderland, England. . . . Lou Salica—former two-time bantamweight champion of the world was a 1932 Gold Medal winner at the Olympic Games, as was Paul Berlenbach, former lightheavy champion of the world who won his Gold at the 1920 Olympics . . . .Lou Salica, a very popular man on the VBA circuit, and often honored for his philanthropic and humane renderings to children, operates a fish supermarket in Lower Manhattan and often attends VBA, Ring 8 meetings, of which he is an officer.

Former world flyweight champion Corporal Izzie Schwartz, with his devoted Sarah, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary March 27. Izzie, past president of VBA, Ring 8, is a very busy man and commutes from the Bronx to his office in Manhattan daily, where he is the Financial Secretary to the Moving Picture Projectionist Union, of which he is celebrating his 37th year in the office.

Paul Cavalier, when contending for heavyweight laurels in 1920's, fought such toughies as Jack Darnel, Charley Wepner, Phil Mercurio (3 times) George La Rocco, Tom Roper, Tony Galento, Billy Vidabeck, Tami Mauriello and Jimmy Braddock. After hanging up the gloves, Paul was chief referee of the New Jersey Boxing Commission. Cavalier is now employed as the chief attendance officer for the City of Paterson.

. . . Charlie Andriola, former manager and trainer, who orginally came out of Nutley, N.J., is now a security officer at Hoffman-La Roche.

PUNCH LINES

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the kind in Yugoslavia. Zduzenje Profesionalnih Boksarjey. I translate this for you as Association of Professional Boxers. I am the president of the Association. We work and act separate from the Amateur Boxing Federation.

In the meantime I must explain that the official professional champion of Yugoslavia in the light heavy weight is Dusan Kukic, from Ljubljana, after taking the title from Vlado Blazetic from Zagreb in 12 rounds (the match was in Kamnik, Slovenia). Mate Parlov is the European Champion. Dusan Kukic was very successful as Parlov's sparing-partner in his training camp in Lipica, before Parlov's fights against Traversaro and Franklin, total 140 rounds. Dusan Kukic has expressed several times his wish to fight with Mate Parlov for the Yugoslav light-heavy title in 15 rounds. Until now he did not receive any answer from Mate Parlov.

Janez Gale
Jubljana, Yugoslavia

RANZANY OVER GOMEZ

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out could give him a victory. He actually went after Ranzany without caution. Both men stood close and fought hard. Gomez won that round, but was shaken by two left hooks early in the final frame and did all he could to survive the round. The last two rounds were worth the price of most fights.

The officials turned in scorecards of 119-113, 119-111, and 118-113. In terms of rounds this reporter scored it eight for Ranzany, two for Gomez and two even. Ranzany's record is now 31-1.

Last month he was voted Fighter of the Year by the Pacific Coast Boxing Writers Association. Unfortunately for boxing fans in the United States, Pete Ranzany has only fought in California so far.

Ranzany's manager, Joey Lopes, was pleased with his fighter's performance. "Pete kept up a tremendous pace," Lopes said. "He didn't pick his spots, he came out like a cannonball. I don't think anyone could have kept up with that pressure."

In a rather thin undercard, Nacho Jiminez, Stockton, 133, had an easy time with Alberto Guevera, Sacramento, 132, and won an eight round decision. Tony Fernandez, 115, Redwood City, showed a lot of progress as he beat Nada Flores, 114, Los Angeles, in six rounds.

What are the chances of Ranzany facing Carlos Palomino in the near future? It's difficult to tell, but early next year seems to be the logical prediction given the nature of the sport. A Palomino-Ranzany showdown is really the match that should be made. No wonder, then, that Palomino's manager, Jackie McCoy, flew up from Los Angeles to sit at ringside.

DAGGE BEATS HOPE

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German promoter some DM145,000. Zeller had already lost a ton when his Dagge-Juarez De Lima world title bout scheduled for January 28th last was thrown out by the WBC after a British protest from those with Maurice Hope's interest at heart. Dagge lost a purse of DM 80,000.

The British party held out for an American referee, while the German camp pressed for an Austrian. The WBC finally nominated an Italian, Dino Ambrosini, with judges from Britain and Germany, Harry Gibbs and Kurt Halbach. Ambrosini will be remembered for his handling of the European middleweight title fight between Bunny Sterling and German Frank Reiche in Hamburg in February 1976. Ambrosini was counting over Reiche when the bell sounded as he reached eight. Reiche made his corner, but when he came out for the fourteenth the Italian sent him back declaring the bout was over and Sterling had won. Ambrosini's action brought about a near riot in the venue. Ambrosini was also one of the officials when Dagge was forced to retire because a closed eye against then European champion, Jose Duran, Spain, on September 3, 1974.

Harry Gibbs was the referee when Dagge lost his European crown to Vito Antuofermo of Italy in January 1976. Harry had the Italian a couple of points in front.

In a supporting bout, 33-year-old Brazilian Juarez de Lima met German junior middleweight champion Frank Wissenbach. The German won six of the eight rounds and was declared the winner. The experienced de Lima does not pack a punch. Southpaw Wissenbach is one of Germany's outstanding prospects, but at the moment is overshadowed by stablemate Eckhard Dagge.

Arriving in Berlin at the end of a sixteen hour journey, de Lima appeared to be surprised to learn that his German opponent was a southpaw. De Lima was accompanied by one of the best managers in South America, 60-year-old, Abraham Katzenelson, who once managed ex-world champion Eder Jofre. De Lima, professional since 1964, has lost only 14 of his 75 fights. De Lima has no punch, for he has never won a bout by way of KO.

In tipping Dagge to win I was pro German said my fellow countrymen. Scoring in favor of Hope the Germans will probably label me pro British. As they tell me, you can't win them all.

MIAMI HIGHLIGHTS

By HANK KAPLAN

Welcome addition to town, Monte Beatham, British Commonwealth champion, is now based in Miami under the direction of Angelo Dundee and readying for his initial U. S. action . . . Ibar Arrington, the game heavyweight champ of the Pacific Northwest, is working at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gyn where Angelo Dundee is removing the rought edges . . . The grand-daughter of former featherweight title contender, Jackie Synder, is scheduled for wedded bliss in August at the Balmoral Hotel. Barbara Dash and Kenneth Bald will merge as one on that happy occassion . . . Top boxing promoter of Holland, Henk Ruhling, was entertained by fellow promoter, Chris Dundee, as he sailed through Miami. Ruhling also handles the affairs of junior middleweight champion, Eckard Dagge . . . Miami's Woody Clark had Milwaukee fans on their feet with a first round knockdown of the Soviet Union's Igor Vysotsky before the Soviet gained a second round technical knockout . . . Ritchie Lee Roberts, experienced Miami welterweight was selected for membership on the National amateur team which has scheduled a three match tour in Schandinavia . . . Pounding out his 11th victory against one loss and one draw, Lou Esa, 254, scored a first-round kayo over Fred Wallace of Houston, in the Orlando Sports Stadium . . . Mac Hurtanian, St. Catherines, Ontario, fight manager, currently scouting the State of Florida for boxing talent, is in the process of building up his boxing stable . . . Training in Miami is Bruce Galley, 132-pounder from Rochester, Minnesota, with 150 amateur bouts and experience at the Nationals during 1975 at Knoxwill in his past . . . Boston 160-pound amateur, Don DiMarzo, is in process of learning some of the tricks from trainer Lou Gross . . . Two annual visitors, Carmen Roman, brother of Tommy Roman and himself a crack lightweight who boxed them all out for Jersey, is enjoying the mild weather in Miami Beach, and Bobby O'Dowd, currently a fight manager operating his stable out of Chicago, is scouting around . . . Miami's own "Rocky" Lee Canalito, is scheduled for three bouts to be shown on the national networks . . . The tops in talent can be seen at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym these days as the blurs and sounds of training are made daily by Nani Marrero, Hector Medina, Lou Esa, Tom Prater, Sugar Ray Leanord, Juan Hidalgo, Lee Canalito and Monte Beatham . . . Elisha Obed is in Nassau enjoying a needed rest . . . Jose (Speedy) Gonzales, lightweight based out of Miami, gave Termite Watkins a pain in the neck for ten rounds at the Orlando Sports Stadium but dropped the unanimous decision to the highly ranked Houstonian . . . Olympic champion, Sugar Ray Leanord, was put through the paces on the exercise bench by Luis Sarria, master conditioner . . . Larry Dodick, brother of former junior lightweight champ, Jack Bernstein, is in town visiting with the old fight gang and recalling the days when brother Jack plyed his trade on the Mexican border as Kid Murphy . . . Chairman of the Miami Beach Boxing Commission, Mel Ziegler, who is director of the committee to raise funds in order to send a boxing team from the U. S. to Israel for the 10th Maccabiah Games, is arranging for a huge amateur boxing show scheduled for the Miami Beach Convention Center in April . . . Very active referee, Cy Gottfried, is mending satisfactorily following surgery and should be back in the squared ring shortly . . . Former crack lightweight, Bobby Marie, and Jo Ann are the parents of twins, one of each . . . Another win for 255 pound Lou Esa at the Orlando Sports Stadium was Johnny Keane, via knockout in the first round, the victim.

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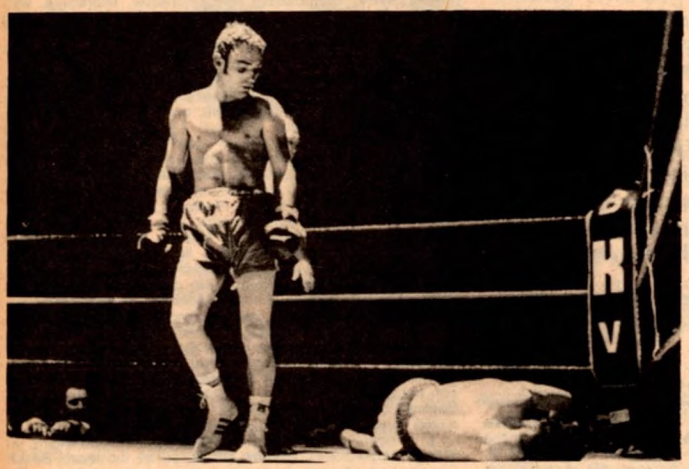

Britain's Alan Minter walks away from Italy's Germano Valsecchi after kayoing the German in the fifth round of their European middleweight title-bout in Milan.

JEAN Pierre Coopman, Belgium, won the European heavyweight crown which the EBU took from Briton Joe Bugner beating Spaniard Jose Urtain in four rounds at Antwerp.

In Milan, Alan Minter, Britain, KO'd Germano Valsecchi in round five of their title-bout for the European middleweight championship.

At Brindisi, Italy, 37-year-old Franco Zurlo, won the European bantamweight title outscoring champion Salvatore Fabrizio (32), Italy, over fifteen rounds. Fabrizio did well in the first half dozen rounds, but in the second half of the tame battle Zurlo took command. Zurlo held the crown back in 1969 and Fabrizio has reigned since the 14th of August 1976 when he won the crown beating Frenchman, Dan Trioulaire.

At the Ahoy hall in Rotterdam, local matador, Rudi Koopmans scored his 23rd victory outpointing former, European and British champion, Bunny Sterling, over ten rounds. Scorecards read, 100-91, 100-90 and 99-94 in favor of the Dutchman. Sterling was dropped in the opening round for a count of eight from a right hook. The Briton, however, fought back strongly and shook Koopmans on a couple of occasions.

One time world amateur champion, southpaw Ayub Kalule, Uganda, now based in Copenhagen, scored his seventh win in the paid ranks outscoring Mimoun Mohatar, of Morocco, over ten rounds.

German Peter Mueller who once koed a referee, Max Pippow, was fifty on February 24. Mueller spent a few days in the hospital recently, but is now recovering well. Peter turned professional on May 24, 1947, and boxed for nearly twenty years winning 132 of his 176 starts. Mueller fought in America in 1954, 1955 and 1958 beating Ralph Tiger Jones, Joe Micelle, Ernie Durando, Ray Drake, Jimmy Martinez and Phil Moyer. The German lost to Gene Fullmer, Carmen Basilio, Joey Giardello, Vince Martinez and Jimmy Martinez.

In Algiers, German Wolfgang Gans went ten rounds with Loucif Hamani, to please a crowd of over ten thousand. Local promoters are now trying to entice Dagge to make a defense against Hamani with a pay day of $120,000.

French middleweight champion Gratien Tonna, who ran down a policeman who later died from his injuries, has been sent to prision for eighteen months.

SPAIN

▲**Santander**—Junior lightweight. Carlos Hernandez beat Manuel Llata who retired with a cut eye in round three.

▲**Bilbao**—Heavyweight. Lorenzo Zanon outscored Alfredo Evangelista, eight. Junior welterweight. Horacio Ruiz outscored Augusto Lauri, eight. Bantamweight. Juan Francisco Rodriguez decisioned Juan Barros, eight.

▲**Santander**—Junior lightweight. Cecilio Lastra beat Mario Oliveira, TKO7. Featherweight. Roberto Castanon beat Faustino Blanco KO1.

▲**Mataro**—Bantamweight. Pedro Robles outscored Luis Cabezas eight. Abdelkader Esmain decisioned Valeriano Morales, six.

▲**Azpeitia**—Flyweight. Manuel Carrasco outscored Nessim Zebellini, eight.

FRANCE

▲**Compiegne**—Robert Amory won the French light heavy title outscoring Christian Poncelet, twelve. Light heavyweight. Eric Kopec and Dusan Kukic drew their six rounder.

▲**Laval**—Junior welterweight. Jean Pierre Luzolanu outpointed Jean Claude Tellier, six.

▲**Marseilles**—Junior welterweight. Robert Gambini beat Giovanni Lamusta, KO6.

▲**Troyles**—Flyweight. Christain Martin outscored Franco Belvedere, eight.

▲**Dunkirk**—Junior welterweight. Jo Kimpunani beat Puerto Rican on points over ten rounds.

▲**St Maur**—Junior welterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache outscored Giancarlo Barabotti, ten.

▲**Bastia**—French middleweight champion Gratien Tonna koed American John Harris in round four. Harris took a standing count in the third and a right hook to the jaw put him down for the full count in the round that followed.

▲**Lyon**—French lightweight champion Andre Holyk outscored Italian Ernesto Bergamesco. eight rounds.

▲**St Nazaire**—Phil Martin, a British light heavyweight, outscored Michel Dylbitys, Frnace, over eight rounds.

▲**Hussigny**—Junior welterweight. Dan M'Putu beat Jacky Landini, KO3.

▲**Paris**—Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen outscored Kevin White, ten. Middleweight. Jean Claude Warusfel decisioned Oscar Angus, eight. Lightweight. Carlos Foldes decisioned Tommy Dunn, eight.

▲**Chartres**—Junior welterweight. Colin Powers beat Claude Lormeau, TKO5.

▲**Dunkirk**—Junior welterweight. Jo Kimpunani outscored Jose Resto, ten rounds. Welterweight. Fred Coranson decisioned Antoine Capuano, eight.

▲**St Malo**—Junior middleweight. Claude Martin decisioned Mickey Ryce, ten.

▲**Nancy**—Welterweight. Jean Marie Cotinaut beat Piero Marselli, KO7.

▲**Saint Petite des Corps**—Lightweight. Gilbert Helluin outscored Michel Lecerf, six.

▲**Chantilly**—Light heavyweight. Eric Kopec beat Hans Michel, KO1.

▲**Fives Lille**—Lightweight. Robert van Rompaye decisioned Angelo D'Aleo, six.

▲**Lourches**—Featherweight. Jean Yves Julien outscored Joe Alvito, six.

▲**Forbach**—Welterweight. Giuseppe Martinese outscored Jean Claude Lafarge, ten.

▲**Conde sur Escaut**—Jean Saadli retained his French junior welterweight title drawing with Jean Pierre Younsi, twelve rounds. Lightweight. Jean Claude Sider's contest with Rene Martin was declared No Contest in round three. Didier Kowalski beat Jean Claude Tellier KIO3. Gilbert Helluin outscored Franco Soro, six.

▲**St Maur**—Junior welterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache outscored Giancarlo Barabotti, ten. Junior light. Mario Oliveira and Giuseppe Agate shared their eight rounder.

▲**Villeurbanne**—Junior welterweight. Andre Holyk out scored Ernesto Bergamesco, eight. Featheweight. Albert Amatler decisioned Giuseppe Cavazzini, eight. Welterweight. Wa Bukasa beat Pascal Zito, KO3.

▲**Reims**—Heavyweight. Jean Belval beat Simon Dore, TKO4.

▲**Beuvry**—Welterweight. Filippo Rocchi outscored Jean Michel Vantouroux, six.

▲**Sous Les Bois**—Welterweight. Georges Perrot and Alain Marion drew their ten rounder.

▲**Grenoble**—Welterweight. Rascal Real Martin outscored Fierrito Fernandez,eight. Light heavyweight. Hocine Tafer decisioned Gino Freo, six.

▲**Bethune**—Feather. Francis Bailleul beat Jacky Azil, KO1. Jean Yves Julien and Laurent Gumbert drew their six rounder.

▲**Paris**—Jean Baptiste Piedvache outscored Oscar Aparicio over ten rounds.

▲ **St Nazaire**— French junior lightweight champion, Georges Cotin held on to his title drawing with Roland Cazeaux over twelve rounds. Bottles and chairs were thrown into the ring and the referee was on the receiving end of a bucket of water. Most thought Cotin hardly won a round.

▲**Melun**—Middleweight. Jean Mateo, France, beat American, Rocky Halliday, in four rounds.

ITALY

▲**Pesaro**—Featherweight. Salvatore Melluzzo outscored Slvatore Avella, eight.

▲**Faenza**—Junior middleweight. Rocky Mattioli beat Trevor Francis, TKO6. Light heavyweight. Cristiano Cavina outscored Bruno Polloni, six. Welterweight. Piero Angelo Pira decisioned Luigi Martello, six. Junior middleweight. Alvaro Scarpelli beat Alfredo Rossi, KO4.

▲**Piacenza**—Junior welterweight. Giampiero Bertuzzi beat Paolo Cimitan, TKO5.

▲**Genoa**—Bantam. Salvatore Fabrizio outscored Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa, eight. Lightweight. Jose Sanchez decisioned Giovanni Cabazzini, eight.

▲**Milan**—Everaldo Costa Azevedo, Italy, outscored Briton Billy Waith over eight rounds.

▲**Brindisis**—European bantamweight champion, Salvatore Fabrizio lost his crown to fellow Italian, Franco Zurlo, losing on points over fifteen rounds.

▲**Rimini**—Rocky Mattioli, Italo-Australian junior middleweight, beat Venezuelan Aldo Olivares, the referee calling a half in round five. This was no easy task for Mattioli, who was decked twice in round two with rights to the head. It was Olivares' turn to visit the canvas in third when he took a count of eight.

▲**Cagliari**—Bantamweight. Franco Udella beat Fernardo Benardez, TKO4. Helenio Ferreira outscored Antonio Garcia de Moral, eight.

▲**Milan**—Welterweight. Everaldo Costa Azevedo decisioned Billy Waith, eight.

▲**Citivanova**—Featherweight. Sergio Emili outscored Domenico Radicioni, eight. Bantamweight. Jose Hernandez Cornejo outpointed Tarcisio Boil eight.

▲**Lucca**—Middleweight. Luciano Bomben outscored Mariano Salamone, eight.

▲**Latina**—Vittorio Conte Lost his Italian welterweight title being disqualified against Tomasso Marocco in round two.

HOLLAND

▲**Rotterdam**—Undefeated Dutchman Rudi Koopmans, middle, outscored Briton Bunny Sterling over ten rounds. Ardrie Hussen, Holland, drew his eight rounder with British welter Kevin White. Welterweight southpaw Tiger Quaye, Ghana, halted Dutchman James Vrij in six rounds. Vrij was decked in rounds two, five and sixth. His right eye was almost closed.

▲**Den Helder**—Welterweight. Frank Albertus outscored Dirk Declerk, six.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen**—Copenhagen based Ayub Kalule, Uganda, decisioned Mimoun Mohatar, Morocco, over ten rounds. Welter. Jorgen Hansen (34), Denmark, outscored Turk Mehmed Cacel over eight rounds. Welterweight. Erkki Meronen, Finland, outscored his 19-year-old, opponent, Dick Eklund, over six rounds. Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmarks, beat former European junior lightweight champion Lothar Abend, Germany, in the third round.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna**—Josef Tiger Pachler, having his 28th professional bout and having lost only one, outscored Alain Ruoco, France, over ten rounds. Junior welterweight. Christian Sittler beat Hans Dieter Haarhausen, KO1. Sittler held the Austrian amateur title four times and represented his country at the 1976 Olympics. Welterweight. Hans Heukeshoven beat Franz Hohl, TKO4. Light weight. Dan M'Putp beat Stefan Kobli, KO1.

BELGIUM

▲**Zele**—Alois Carmeliet, Belgium, beat Britn Terry Petersen in five rounds. Petersen took a mandatory count of eight in the opening heat and was decked in the third and fifth. On rising, a right put Petersen to the canvas for the full count.

▲**Le Roeulx**—Middleweight.. Maurice Bufi outpointed Fernand Banckaert, six.

▲**Ostend**—Middleweight. Guido Beselinck beat Jean Pierre Heirman, who retired with a cut eye in round two.

▲**Liege**—Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen outscored Michel Stini, ten. Light heavyweight. Freddy deKerpel outscored Horst Lang, ten. Welterweight. Jean Simos outpointed Fredo Roelands, ten. Middleweight. Pol Payen outscored Julien Van Damme, six.

▲**La Louviere**—Junior middleweight. Alfredo Naveiras beat Kabangu, KO7. Maurice Bufi beat Leandre Pante, who retired because of injury in the sixth. Middleweight. Bernardino Artone beat Alain Demeyre, KO3.

▲**Zele**—Welterweight. Alois Carmeliet beat Terry Petersen KO5. Lightweight. Jean van Torre and Santino Reali drew their eight rounder. Heavyweight. Rudi Gauwe beat Fausto Costantino, KO5.

▲**Scherpenheuvel**—Welterweight. Chaed Ringo decisioned Jean Pierre Heirman. six.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Berne**—Flyweight. Fritz Chervet outscored Faharithong Fairtex, twelve.

▲**Geneva**—Middleweight. Georges Warusfel beat Antonio Torsello, who retired with a cut eye in round three.

▲**Berne**—Middleweight. Guido Corpataux outscored Daniel Bouleux, six.

▲**Geneva**—Light heavyweight. Francois Fiol decisioned Jean Tshikuna, ten.

LUXEMBOURG

▲**Differdange**—Middleweight. Jacques Chinon outscored Daniel Martin, eight.

● BARRO DECISIONS VIRUET ●

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

Sacramento — Boxing returned to the Capital City after a three month absence and over fourteen hundred fans showed up to watch an unusual double main event.

In the top ten rounder Bernardo Mercado and Paul "King" Solomon spent very little time settling their differences. Mercado, from Reno, Nevada, dropped Solomon with the very first punch of the fight. Mercado, 223, and 6'4", probed with a left and then brought over a long right to Solomon's chin. It left Solomon flat on his back and completely out of it. Mercado strolled back to his corner more than a little surprised at his short labor in the ring.

Fortunately for the boxing fans in attendance there was another main event. Rudy Barro, from Stockton, won a split decision over highly rated Adolph Viruet. The decision could have gone either way, the fight itself saved the evening.

Barro, who began fighting in the Philippines, has had over one hundred pro fights. He has beaten Andy Price, Jimmy Heair and Quincy Daniels. He has also lost his share of fights. Still, Barro has the habit of upsetting the odds and his swarming, aggressive style earned him the win. Viruet, who came into the fight with a 22-1 record, will most likely get a rematch. Barro, who weighed 148, was much too strong for the better boxing Viruet, at 146.

Mercado, originally from South America, now has a record of thirteen wins, twelve by kayo, and no losses. He is 24 years old and is managed by Joe Conforti, who also owns the Mustang Ranch. It is impossible to give any assessment of what kind of a fighter Mercado is based on this fight. Not much can be gleaned from a one punch fight. Either Mercado hits like a baseball bat or else Solomon has a chin like a cupcake. Mercado's win over Solomon does nothing to enhance his reputation.

Solomon, who has not fought in four years, entered the ring at 6'3", 215 pounds, with a pro record of ten wins and two losses. His manager is Dick Sadler.

An interesting sidenote, both Barro and Viruet have fought in the same Civic Auditorium ring before and both were beaten by welterweight contender Pete Ranzany. The promoters were Babe Griffin and Sid Tanner and the card attracted 1419 paying customers who left $9,812 at the gate.

In the opening bout of the evening Tony Sanchez, 134, had to settle for a draw against durable Ignacio Bravo, 135, over six rounds.

▲**San Carlos** — Boxing shows in the Bay Area are atrugglng to survive a rash of last minute cancellations, injuries and no shows. The latest card saw two bouts cancelled the day of the fight. Fortunately for fight hungry fans Jose Talamantez, 137, scored an impressive knockout over Pete Constancio, 136, in what was his toughest competition to date. Talamantez raised his record to eleven wins against one draw.

Two undefeated local prospects had to sit it out at ringside rather than display their talents in the ring. Middleweight Erwin Williams and featherweight Leonel Valencia were rescheduled for a future card after last minute injuries to their opponents. Both Williams and Valencia are three time Golden Gloves champions and both men stand a good chance of moving to the top level of their divisions.

Talamentez, from San Jose, had his best victory of his pro career against Constancio, from Los Angeles. Two right hand punches dropped Constancio for the count in the ninth round. Talamentez has made great strides as a pro, and if only the promoters, the Garden City Boxing Club, can incur a little luck rather than misfortune, it seems certain that these three local fighters can be groomed into gate attractions.

In the rather thin undercard Bill Baker, 278, could not shake off the effects of a recent cold or the head punches of Charles Terrel. Baker, from Oakland, was getting hit rather freely by Terrel, Palo Alto, when the fight was halted in the fifth.

Jimmy Castagnola, San Francisco, 170, was too stiff in his pro debut and was knocked out by Morris White, Palo Alto, in the fifth round. 720 fans showed up despite the cancellations and scant local coverage to pay $3523.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
* Jean Piere Coopman (B)
1. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
2. Alfio Righetti (I)
3. Jose Urtain (S)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Kurt Ludecke (G)
6. Bernd August (G)
7. Henny Thoonen (H)
8. Lorens Zanon (I)
9. Bepi Ros (I)
10. Rudi Lubbers (H)

Junior Middles
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Rocky Matioli (I)
5. Jose Duran (S)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
8. Damiano Lassandro (I)
9. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
10. Josef Pachler (A)

Lightweights
* Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Vincenzo Durgio (I)
3. Antonio Puddu (I)
4. Andre Holyk (F)
5. Fernand Roelands (B)
6. Vincent Quero (I)
7. Jeronime Lucas (S)
8. Alonso San Miguel (S)
9. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
10. Pietro Meraviglia (I)

Light heavies
* Mate Parlov (Yugo)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Harold Skog (N)
4. Francois Fiol (S)
5. Avenamar Peralta (G)
6. Ennio Conetti (I)
7. Robert Amory (F)
8. Christian Poncelet (F)
9. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
10. Omelio Grando (I)

Welterweights
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Vittorio Conte (I)
2. Jorgen Hansen (D)
3. Jacques van Mellaerst (F)
4. Toni Ortiz (S)
5. Alain Ruocco (F)
6. Luciano Boracia (I)
7. Italo Venturi (I)
8. Domenico DiJorio (I)
9. Giovanni Molessini (I)
10. Georges Warusfel (F)

Junior Lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Domingo Jiminez (S)
2. Antonio Guinaldo (I)
3. Cecilio Lastra (S)
4. Roland Cazeaux (F)
5. Rudi Haeck (B)
6. Georges Cotin (F)
7. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
8. Manuel Llata (S)
9. Roldolfi Sanchez (S)
10. Miguel Molleda (S)

Middleweights
* Alan Minter (GB)
1. Germano Valsecchi (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Julles Bellaiche (F)
4. Jean Mateo (F)
5. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
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7. Frank Reiche (G)
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Junior welterweights
* Dave Boy Green (GB)
1. Jean Claude Piedvache (F)
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3. Primo Buddini (S)
4. Miguel Velasquez (S)
5. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
6. Elisio Pinna (I)
7. Fernand Sanchez (S)
8. Jean Asski (F)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Ernesto Bergemesco (I)

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* Nino Jiminez (S)
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1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Jacky Bihin. (F)
3. Daniel Triolaire (F)
4. Pedro Molledo (S)
5. Fernando Bernardes (S)
6. Luigi Tessarin (I)
7. Teodoro Corallo (I)
8. Salvatore Avella (I)
9. Sucio Vailati (I)
10. Gianni Garbo (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Seperati (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Franco Buglione (I)
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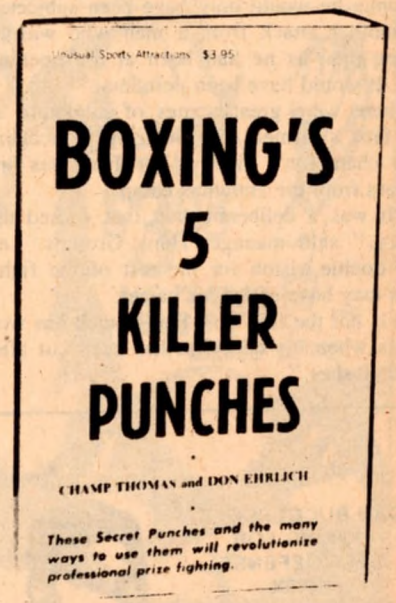

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CONTEH, SPINKS WIN

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away with both hands.

Hutchins fought back, and there was a desperation about his punching that indicated he knew he had to do something before the injury worsened even more.

Conteh knew all he had to do was to keep piling in punches. This he did, and Hutchins did manage to land a couple of lefts and a right cross, made easier for him as the champ scorned defense.

The American was again late out of his corner at the start of the third, and Conteh wasn't worrying about jabbing now. It was vicious stuff, the champ banging away—left, right, left, right, with monotonous regularity. Several didn't land, but several did, and all the time Hutchins was trying in vain to protect the injured eye.

The knockdown was the culmination of a "blow-for-blow" exchange. Conteh threw a right to the jaw and scored. Hutchins retaliated with a right, Conteh, threw a right and missed, then a left hook that landed on the challenger's face, and down he went, flat on his back.

He tried to rise at around "four," but with the count at "eight" he was up. Referee Nathan said "He was dazed and turned the wrong way, so I had to stop it."

There could be no argument about the stoppage. If Hutchins had been allowed to continue he would only have been subjected to another attack from a man who was as strong then as he had been at the opening bell. It would have been pointless.

There were great scenes of jubilation as the fans swarmed into the ring to acclaim their champion's victory, but there was bitterness from the Hutchins camp.

"It was a deliberate butt that caused the injury," said manager Hank Grooms. Len had double vision for the rest of the fight. This may have ended his career.

It is not the first time that Conteh has won fights when his opponent has been cut after head clashes."

Hutchins said, "I could have gone the distance, but he kept butting me. I tried to fight fair."

I cannot agree with the views and remarks of the American. The clash of heads did not appear deliberate, and there was no evidence of continual butting by Conteh.

Naturally Hutchins and his manager were disappointed, but this was just sour grapes.

Referee Nathan was only too willing to give his interpretation of what had happened. "There was a clash of heads," he said, "but it was not enough to warrant either a stoppage or a disqualification.

"After the knockdown, Hutchins turned away, and was in no condition to carry on."

Conteh had this to say "Sure there was a clash of heads. It was unfortunate, but it could have been me who was cut. But that wasn't what won me the fight. It was my solid punching.

"Hutchins was still strong after the clash of heads, but I caught him with so many left hooks that he went. The final punch was a beauty, and I knew that even if he got up it wouldn't be long before he went down again for good.

"I plan to get into the ring again real soon. Tonight's three rounds was nothing. I don't mind where I fight, as long as the money's right."

It is estimated that John received around £100,000 for beating Hutchins, not bad for seven minutes work. He planned to go to American shortly to take part in a Superstars TV programme. When he returns there will be another defense, the postponed match against Cuello. And that could mean another £100,000. Promoter Goodall hopes this will be in Liverpool too.

This amount is bound to be exceeded if he beats Cuello and then tackles Argentinian Victor Galindez, WBA champ, for the undisputed crown.

Conteh thus became the first British boxer to make three successful defenses of a world title since flyweight Jimmy Wilde, but John doesn't plan to stay around for too long. "I may retire at 26," he said. "That means I've got more like three fights left than three years."

For the record, John is 26 on May 27, 1977.

On the same bill, Olympic champion Leon Spinks won his second pro fight by knocking out Peter Freeman with a right to the jaw, halfway through the opening round. Freeman landed flat on his back and didn't look like beating the count. Leon's brother Mike, also an Olympic champ, jumped into the ring afterwards to congratulate him, and they hugged each other in sheer delight. Leon sure can punch. He wasn't around long enough to show if he can box, too.

CASTELLINI LOSES TO GAZO

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crowd-pleaser.

Gazo thoroughly confused the veteran Castellini with his unorthodox way of fighting. Without any style at all, but a lot of heart, Gazo kept Castellini completely off balance for the greater portion of the fight. There were no knockdowns, but Gazo did open a cut over the left eye of Castellini in about the seventh round, and the referee found himself watching for signs of it worsening as the rounds wore on, but Tito Lectoure, the manager and trainer of Castellini did an excellent job in the corner between the rounds making it unnecessary for the doctor to be called into the ring.

After the fight, when asked what happened that had made him fight as poorly as he did, Castellini only offered the comment that "he just couldn't get started and didn't seem to want to fight." After the 12th round, his mangaer, Lectour, told him that he was losing the fight and to get out there and do something. He answered by saying, "Yes, I know I am losing."

The scoring was unanimous; Argentine Judge Juan Barde scored it 148-144 in favor of Gazo, Nicaraguan Judge Ricardo Rizo had it 148-143 in favor of Gazo, and American referee Jay Edson scored it 149-144 for Gazo.

Castellini weighted in at 151 pounds, and Gazo, at 153.

Gazo is a soldier in the Nicaraguan army, and his peers were very much in evidence in the stadium. As soon as the decision was read, what I thought were fireworks going off throughout the stadium actually turned out to be pistol shots being fired into the air (I hoped) by the happy soldiers.

It was reported that Mr. Osamu Takeda of Misako Promotions in Tokyo was on hand to offer the winner a fight in Japan in 60 days against Ryu Sorimachi of Japan.

BLACKMOORE STOPS NOEL IN 10

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Boxing at Sparrow's Hideaway in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago — Over 5,000 spectators saw Lennox Blackmoore, 134½, lightweight champion of the Republic of Guyana, stop an exhausted and badly bruised Claude Noel, lightweight champion of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, 134½, at 2 minutes 7 seconds of the 10th and final round when referee George Cumberbatch put an end to the fight.

Eddie Marcelle, 145, (substitute) beat Selwyn Figaro, 151, over eight (8) rounds.

Nathaniel Jones, 161, (substitute) KO'ed Everston Greenidge, 156, after 2 minutes 32 seconds of the third round.

Victor Daly, 148, drew with Lester Miller, 147, over six rounds.

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EVERETT OVER VEGA

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Freeman, 161½, with a mild right-hand shot to the head for an easy first-round knockout in a local matchup scheduled for eight.

Good-looking prospect Jeff Chandler, 114, upped his pro log to 6-0-1 with a six-round nod over Fernando "Shorty" Sanchez, 112, of New York.

Lightweight novice Ron Aurit opened the show with a four-round TKO over Joey Wilder.

MARVIS FRAZIER

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the gym. Mrs. Frazier noted his intensive training hasn't affected his grades. Marvis is an A and B student. His mom says Marvis "exhibits the same drive, same willpower that Joe always had when he was fighting. Marvis even eats like a boxer—steak, chicken, and potatoes."

Marvis has another three years to reach his goal of making the U.S. Olympic boxing team. After that, there's plenty of time to decide whether or not to pursue a professional ring career.

● MONTAVON KO'S FOSTER ●

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Akron, Ohio — Bob Wolfe brought professional boxing back to Portsmouth, Ohio, after a long period of strictly amateur shows. Irish Jerry Montavon, 164, Portsmouth, KO'ed Pete Henry Foster, 169, Columbus, in the third round. Bobby Sparks, 131, Portsmouth, won by KO over Paul Stewart, 140, Cincinnati, in the third round. Seven amateur bouts completed the card. 1046 fans paid to see the action.

▲Cleveland Soctron — Young Grady Daniels, 195, Chicago, boxing in his fourth professional bout, scored a surprising upset by KOing veteran Vic Brown, 203, Buffalo, at 2:01 of the 2nd round.

Ralph Racine, 133, Buffalo, TKO'ed Paul Markum, 132, Cleveland, at 2:49 of the 4th round.

Marion Thomas, 136, Indianapolis, won a close 6 rd. decision over Tony Johnson, 134, Cleveland.

Elcanna "Boom Boom" Moorer, 201, Cleveland, TKO'ed Big Jess Clark, 214' Columbus, in the forst round.

Joey Mayes, 123, Cleveland, won a 6 rd. decision over Scott Anderson, 126, Madison, Wisconsin.

▲Cleveland Soctron — William Whipple, 124, Youngstown, won by TKO over Cletus Hayes, 126, New York, at 1:32 of the third round.

Gary Pope, 144, Cleveland, continued his winning ways by outpointing Harvey Wilson, 142, Columbus, in 6 rounds.

Eddie Graves, 137, Youngstown, won a hard fought 4 rd. decision over Sam Taylor, 139, St. Louis.

Tommy May, 154, hard punching Youngstown battler, KO'ed Chuck Morgan, 158, Cleveland, in the third round. Herbie Jackson, 146, New York, stopped Gene Ellington, 147, Cleveland, in the third round.

▲Toledo — Bulla Davis, 155, Toledo, KO'ed Steve Appleburry, 160, Cincinnati, in the 4th. Ronnie West, 148, Toledo, KO'ed Nicky Wells, 145, Indianapolis, in the 2nd round. Norman Williams, 125, Toledo, won a 4 rd. decision over Peanut Emerson, 121, Cincinnati.

Louis Self, 136, Toledo, won a 4 rd. decision over Jerry Strickland, 137, Cincinnati. Tom Fischer, 210, Dayton, won a 4 rd. decision over Charlie Jordan, 198, Detroit.

Buddy LaRosa, Cincinnati sportsman and restaurant tycoon, has purchased the contract of Aaron Pryor, promising Cincinnati lightweight. Buddy is not a stranger to pro boxing as his Dad, Tony LaRosa, was a very popular fighter a few years ago and was a contender for the State welter and middleweight titles.

Steve Reese and Don Elbaum have joined forces to put Cincinnati back on the boxing map. Monthly shows are being held at the Riverfront Coliseum. George Murphy, recently retired after being a member of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission for forty eight years, thirty five of them as Secretary. He has been replaced by William Neal.

Gary Pope, Cleveland 142 pounder, and William Whipple, Youngstown featherweight are both on extended win streaks. Pope is 7-0 with 6 KO wins. Whipple is 5-0 with 3 KOs. Another fine prospect is Tommy May, Youngstown junior middleweight who looks better every time out. Charlie Johnson, Alliance battler, is easily the outstanding young heavyweight in Ohio. The former Kent State football star, is now 13-1 as a pro.

Art McKnight, classy Mansfield welterweight, will soon turn pro. Art is trained and managed by Paul Carbetta. He had an outstanding amateur career and big things are expected in the punch for pay ranks.

▲Cincinnati—Attendance-2300

Johnny Copeland 138, Joplin, Mo., won a hard fought 10 round decision over game Audra Love 139, Indianapolis. This was a slug fest, the fighters standing toe to toe for the entire route. It was a very exciting bout.

Roy Dale 163½ Cincinnati won on a t.k.o. in the third round over Burt Hays 167, Vienna, W. Va. Hays was doing well, counter punching with good effect, but in the third he caught a hard left-right combination on the jaw and was hurt. The referee, Tony Wandorft, halted the action at 2.41 of the 3rd. Bill Sharkey, 192, New York, stopped C.J. Bar Brown, New York (198) in the 7th. Aaron Pryor, 135, Cincinnati, won on a t.k.o. in the first round over Harvey Wilson, 143, Columbus. The Pryor victory was of the tainted variety. Referee Bill Means called two knock downs against Wilson which were anything but. Pryor would rush Wilson into the ropes and shove, not punch, him thru the middle strands. Each time means goofed and called knock downs in the opinion of this writer. Pryor did score one legitimate knockdown when he caught Wilson off balance.

Jamie Thomas 156, Cincinnati, stopped Herman Graham 157, Indianapolis in the 4th.

Retired Police Captain Bill Neal, is the new Secretary of The Cincinnati Commission replacing George Murphy, who was a Commission member for forty eight years, thirty five of them as Secretary. Murphy will be sorely missed but Bill Neal promises to make a very competent official.

▲Portsmouth, Ohio — Attendence 506—Promoter Bob Wolfe. Irish Jerry Montavon 163, Portsmouth, won an unanimous 6 round decision over Earnie Watters 162, Nashville.

Bobby Sparks, 134, Portsmouth, won a six round decision from Chuck Spiecer, 134½, Cleveland.

Larry Moore, 141, Charleston, won by t.k.o. over Pancho Ortega, 149, Indianapolis at 1.52 of the third round.

Five exciting amateur bouts completed the card.

▲Mentor, Ohio — Soctron Show.

Gary Pope, 143, Cleveland, won a 6 round decision from Larry Moore, 141, Charleston. Paul Ramos, 178, Cleveland, won a 6 round decision from Mayfield Pennington, 167, Pikewille, Ky.

Art McKnight, 143, Mansfield, K.O.ed Nate Lenior, 149, Indianapolis, in the third. Alberto Collazzo, 126, Pittsburg, stopped Peanut Emerson 121, Cincinnati, on a t.k.o. in the 5th round. (Cut Eye).

Joe Mayes, 121, Cleveland, K.O.ed Johnny Green, 126, Cincinnati, in the first round. K.O. Fields, 165, Louisville, Ky., stopped Ted Paxton, 167, Cleveland in the fourth.

Art McKnight, a fine welter weight prospect from Mansfield, made his pro debut on the March 9th Soctron show at Mentor, Ohio. Art was very impressive in halting a much heavier Nate Lenoir in three rounds. He is managed and trained by Paul Carbetta of Mansfield.

Bill Whittenberg, who was a top light weight fighter just a few years ago, is now a top fight referee in the Tri-State area. Bill lives in Huntington, W. Va..

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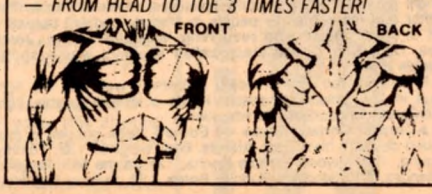

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AMATEUR BOXING BEAT

By MARSHALL REED

The latest Russian invasion can only be described as a rout but U.S. officials hasten to point out that four years ago, the same thing happened on the road to Montreal.

After losing 20 of 29 bouts, there's no doubt the Americans needed some Pollyanna-type thoughts to hasten the healing of their wounds. But there's an element of truth here. Under the American system, you "peak" for the important matches. The others, you chalk up to experience. And that is exactly what the AAU's boxing committee was trying to get for its team of young fighters. Experience against world class competition. They got it. They also got a lesson in the importance of conditioning.

Bantamweight Wayne Lynumn, of Chicago, was the only American who had more than one shot at the Russians. Beaten by Feliks Pak in Las Vegas, he turned the tables on the Russian before the crowd of 4500 in Milwaukee, for his first victory in international competition. "I knew I had him," gloated the three-time Illinois Golden Gloves champ, whose only previous international action was a loss against a touring Polish team.

Tkatchenko and Lvov each recorded one kayo win and two decisions.

The most publicized Soviet fighter was heavyweight Igor Vysotsky, who won his rubber match with Jimmy Clark of Coatesville, Pennsylvania via decision and also won from Woody Clark of Miami with a second-round stoppage.

Vysotsky, a 23-year-old auto mechanic from the Siberian city of Magadan, had Jimmy Clark on the canvas in the first round of their scrap at Las Vegas, but it was a different story in Milwaukee. Woody Clark, fighting on two days' notice, put Igor on the deck in the first round, but ran out of gas and was punched silly in the next heat. Woody hadn't fought or sparred for seven months.

There were several other instances of the Americans just not being in the proper shape to cope with the Russians, who train and compete the year-round. Another U.S. problem was that it was really a "pick-up" team.

"Put us together as a team and we'd do a lot better," observed James Tillis, a 178-pounder from Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was one of the two victims of David Kvadchadze, a 25-year-old former national champion from Soviet Georgia.

American victors at Las Vegas were featherweight Eiichi Jumawan of Hawaii, who decisioned Viktor Rybakov; 139-pounder Thomas Hearns of Detroit, who beat Vladimir Vasiliev; Erasmo Gonzalez of the U.S. Air Force, by default over Valery Rachkov, who was unable to leave the USSR, and middleweight Lindell Holmes of Toledo, Ohio, who halted Gennady Tolmachev in the first round.

At Shreveport, hometowner Jerry "Butch" Smith, a bantamweight, and Louisville heavyweight Greg Page shared the spotlight. The verdict for the lanky Smith over Feliks Pak was roundly booed by the crowd of 8,768. Page, an amateur version of Muhammad Ali and hailing from the same city as the heavyweight champion, scored a popular win. He danced, shuffled and bobbed his way around short, stocky Petr Zaev and scored an impressive victory even though he admittedly was far short of top condition.

U.S. officials feel Page actually has a long way to go before the comparisons to Ali can be justified. "He has a world of moves," says Col. Don Hull, AAU boxing administrator, "but he's no Ali yet. At his age, Ali had over 150 bouts under his belt."

The Milwaukee finale of the tour attracted 4500 fans. The U.S. victors, in addition to Lynumn, were light flyweight Tyrone Stewart, of Washington, D.C., who scored over Vasily Plakushchay, and heavyweight Tony Tubbs, of Cincinnati, whose split decision over Zaev was disputed by the onlookers. They gave the Russian a standing ovation.

There is plenty of news of amateur action from all around the country.

In Syracuse, New York, a four-day Golden Gloves tournament of champions produced the following ten-man team scheduled to compete in the National Golden Gloves tournament in Hawaii. 112 pounds - Bill Ranalli of Sudbury, Canada; 119 - Bert Farrell, Syracuse; 125 - Ron Frazier, Rochester; 132, Rick Papa, Toronto; 147 - Mark Cheers, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; 178 - Ron East, Buffalo, and heavyweight - Jerry Younger, Rochester. McDonald was named the outstanding boxer. The event was run by Tom Coulter, former intercollegiate champion. Billy Harris, veteran handler, will serve as team coach.

In Tacoma, Washington, the Tacoma Athletic Commission's 29th annual Golden Gloves produced this roster of champions: 106 - Darrel Newby, Tacoma Boys Club; 112 - Jeff Peterson, Olympic Boys Club; 119 - Sidney McKnight, Canada; 125 - John Bumphus, Olympic BC; 132 - Frank Flores, Fort Lewis; 139 - Charles Carter, Yakima Eagles; 147 - Carmelo Cruz, Fort Lewis; 156 - Alex Anglomatis, Northwest Eagles BC; 165 - Paul Brown, Mt. Scott; 178 - Doug Arlt, Mt. Scott, and heavyweight - Xavier Perine, Seattle Eagles. Arlt received the "Golden Boy" award after his fight with John Miller of Tacoma Boys Club. Bouts were held at the University of Puget Sound's Fieldhouse. Program directed by Gordon Rohrs, Frank Peskin and Dick Beckman also paid tribute to Tacoma's own Leo Randolph, gold medalist at Montreal.

In Virginia Beach, Virginia's Oceana Naval Air Station, ten boxers won berths on the Eastern team that coach Dick Pettigrew will take to the All-Navy finals at San Diego, California. The Eastern winners were Jerome Stewart (112), Thomas Elston (119), Andre Cooper (125), Charles Mitchum (132), Mike Morse (139), Sherman Dreher (147), Albert Taylor (156), Steve Miller (165), Ray James (178), and heavyweight Allen Herbert.

In St. Paul, Minnesota, the headliner was a battle between hometown flyweights Mike Monnette and Sal Garcia. Monette, former National Junior Golden Gloves champion, won a split decision in the sizzler. Other winners: Jeff Paul (150), John Krech (165), John Delaney (145), Lou Danna (150), Dale Jackson (126), Doug Jackson (145), Dave Iverson (147), and Ron Kampa (155).

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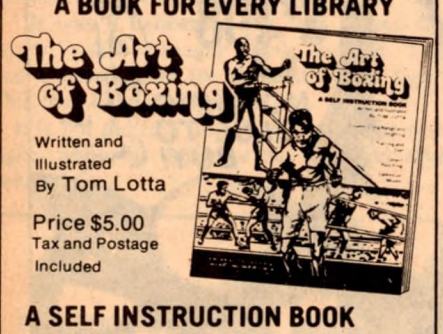

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TROUBLED TIMES FOR TEXAS FIGHTERS

By HARLAN HAAS

Jesse Lara, a rough, tough 145-150 pounder with a 33-13-1 pro record, is now headquartering in Houston under the direction of the writer, and joins light-heavy Melvin Mott and 205 pound Cookie Wallace as stablemates. The writer is also partners with David Baltazar in managing Willie Warren, the super tough middleweight; brilliant young jr. welter Silverio Martinez, veteran lightweight Porfirio (Blackie) Zamora, club fighting jr. middle Robert Perez, and hotshot bantam Roy Mendez, who can fight the best anywhere in the world. Am also handling Greg Monroe, a street fighter of a heavyweight, who at the moment serves as head of security at the Shy Clown Casino in Sparks, Nevada.

Daryl Brumley continues to impress the writer with his punching power. The 155-pound product of Cut and Shoot, Texas is unbeaten as a pro.

We were saddened by the death of heavyweight Tommy Collins in recent weeks. The writer had a long talk with the 36-year old 220-pounder a week before his death. Tommy told me that he had turned his life around, and that he was now happily married. We talked of two prison sentences, and how he had overcome bitterness in earlier years. We talking of his future which he said he expected to be full of happiness. Tommy told me before leaving that day how much he enjoyed talking with aman who understood something about life. A week later the burly heavyweight fell with two bullet holes in his massive chest—a moment of anger over a crap game.

Also, sad to report, Frank (Little Smokey) Young being given a life sentence in a Texas penitentiary. The writer had Young in the Don Elbaum tournament and had him booked for a fight in Paris where he was quite popular. Last year he had beaten Mongi Ladhilli in Europe, beaten the Ivory Coast welter king, and lost to Daniel Gonzales in Paris.

Young heavyweight Bill Clear was also sent up for two years, but this unbeaten and hard hitting young 190 pounder should be on the street in a year, and look out heavyweight division. Bad Bill can go as far as he wants to go—he's a prodigious puncher and we've always been one of his biggest boosters.

While in Marion, Ohio, we met a young heavyweight by the name of Duke Fitch—he's 6-2, 195 lbs., who impresses as a bright prospect. Duke is contemplating a move to Texas. The writer met many friendly people in Marion, and left behind a lot of swell people who read Ring Magazine—Dave, Jerry, Joe, Dan, Bob, and a place called Murray's where sports people meet.

My friend Red Fortner doing exttremely well with the fight club in Memphis, Tennessee. Red's a knowledgeable fight man and has good people with him.

▲Corpus Christi, Texas — Edward Vega copped a four round decision from Tony Aranda. Both weighed 132. Tommy Young, 123, kayoed Freddie Rocha, 123, in the fifth. Roberto Vasquez, 135, stopped Rodolfo Perez, 135, in four. Roy Hernandez, 122, stopped Ricky Ramos, 123, in four rounds.

▲San Antonio, Texas — Peter Francis, 186, took a pasting then stopped Tommy Collins, 225, in the fourth round. Tommy was shot to death a week later. Daryl Brumley, 154, flattened Al Davila, 156, in the first round. Rafael Duran, 122, bounced back from a kayo loss to Jerry Kornele, to stop Valente Ramos, 123, in the fifth. Pedro Flores, 135, decisioned Freddie (The Stepper) Harris, 132, in 10. Tony Moreno, 122, boxed his way to a 10-round victory over Candelario Iglesias, 120.

▲Laredo, Texas — Jesse Hernandez, 126, kayoed Alex Alfaro, 122½, in round one. Johnny Flores, 134, scored a one round kayo over Cachorro Nava, 134½. Manuel Rodriguez, 116½, hammered out a 10-round win over Jose Luis Garcia, 110½, and Sergio Reyes, 119, decisioned Manuel Rodriguez, 116½, in 10.

▲Houston, Texas — Leon McCullum, 158½, rough-housed his way to a close four-round win over Alfonso Varela, 151½. James Wallace, 142, beat Jim Pixley, 140½, in six. Jose Gonzales, 175, kayoed Juanito Fernandez, 180, in first round. Jamie Philla, 228, kayoed Dwight Morgan, 201, in the third. Ramon Campos, 128, kayoed Leonard Boyd, 123½, in the fourth. Freddie (The Stepper) Harris, 134, decisioned veteran Jose Medrano, 137, in a well fought 10.

▲Houston, Texas — Charles Romo, 169, stopped Fernando Ayarzagitia, 168, in the third. Carlos Montoya, 144, kayoed Antonio Barajas, 140, in the first round of a four. Jamie Avarte, 136, kayoed Francisco Rodriguez, 130, in the second. Alfonso (Coneja) Aguirre, the veteran Torreon, Mexico 157 pounder, stopped willing Robert (Bus Driver) Perry, 154, in a whale of a battle. Experience told here. Rommel Mendoza, 128, stopped Luis Rico, 119, in the third round of the main go at Ruben Guerra's Latin World Arena. Ruben is drawing well at his nitery.

FANS DISPUTE VERDICT FOR HARRIS

By CHARLES D. BROWN

QUEENS, N.Y.C — "I never thought I was losing," said Ohio middleweight Ronnie Harris in his dressing room after the fight; but he was one of the few who held that opinion. The capacity house of 1,400 at New York's Sunnyside Gardens were certain that the former 1968 Olympic welterweight champ had forfeited his undefeated string of 19 unborken wins to veteran James Parks (156¾, Cleveland). When a split decision for Harris was called, the fans booed for ten minutes and the bigger hotheads started heaving chairs around. Parks' cornermen quickly took the microphone and appealed for calm. And got it. Luckily. Two things were working against Harris—Parks was a southpaw and although he is only 30, he has prematurely gray hair. As witness the careers of Emile Griffith and Floyd Patterson, the fans love to root for the greybeards. Parks had them in his pocket from the first round on.

Harris (159½, Canton, Ohio), is billed as the "uncrowned middle champ" and sport -a boxing's biggest Afro haircut. If you punch his hairdo, you may never find your fist again. Sporting multi-color trunks, the easily spotted Harris soon found lefty Parks a bother. Parks was able to match him in both jabs and hooks in the early exchanges. Harris took to his bicycle and won the fith by fancy boxing. The sixth and seventh were big rounds for Parks, especially the seventh. Coming out blinded in the left eye because of an overflow of eye cut liniment, Parks still managed to outslug Harris in some vicious exchanges and the crowd howled for him. But Parks had punched himself out and Harris came on fast in the eighth, ninth and thenth. He footworked, and he jabbed instead of trading punches, and he boxed circles around the worn-out veteran for these hearts. They helped Harris, in my opinion, take the narrowest of decisions. A Harris right to the body had Parks hanging on in the 10th. Harris, now 20-0, is a bright prospect and he won fair and square. Parks, who has fought the best in and around Ohio, is now 32-6-1. A rematch would pack Sunnyside.

It was award night at Sunnyside, as the packed house saw 1976 Olympic lightweight champ Howard Davis receive a "fighter of the year" award. New York Yankees' baseball player Mickey Rivers received an award for his work in encouraging athletics among youth.

In the other fights on the abbreviated card, talented lightweight Julio Valdez (133; Dominican Republic) raked substitute Richard Cranney (138; Portland, Main) over the coals for the better part of two rounds before ref Lew Eskin halted the one-sided match at 1:57 of round two. Cranney was floored by a right to the head at the start of the second, and upon arising he was subjected to a body beating that won him the crowd's sympathy, if nothing else. Valdez won his fifteenth straight without a loss.

As the saying goes, "now I've seen everything", and this night I did. Not that the gesture wasn't welcome, though. In fact, it was real class. Tyrone Phelps had been decked and generally outpunched over the six heats by hard-punching but slow-footed Miciah Bullock (151, Paterson, N.J.). Phelps was given the verdict and it didn't look like the boos would ever stop. But they did, when the 150-pound Phelps took the ring microphone, raised Bullock's hand, and announced: "This is a decision I really don't deserve." There was a moment of what you call stunned silence, then the boos turned to wild cheers for both men. I will always remember that moment of humility. Another oddity was a double staggering in the fourth when both men landed simultaneous right hands.

In a heavyweight four, Gerry Cooney (204, Huntington, N.Y.), a two-time Golden Gloves heavyweight champ, made his pro debut backed by an army of followers. Cooney didn't need much help with Bill Jackson (223, Indianapolis, Indiana), who was as tall as Cooney's impressive 6'4" but also a lot broader. At 1:32 of the first, Cooney pumped two lefts to the body and snapped a left uppercut to the jaw, and Mr. Jackson was no more.

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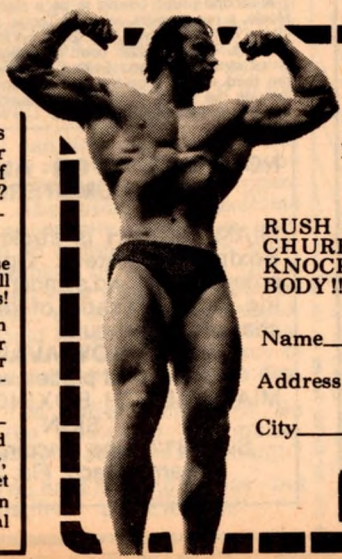

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TOWNSEND CONTINUES TO WIN

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — Feb. 14-Milwaukee light heavyweight Johnny Townsend continued his winning ways before 776 fans at the Eagles Club as he stopped veteran Tracy Morrison of Kansas City in the fifth round in a match-up of 175 pounders.

Townsend completely dominated the fight from the outset as he continually forced Morrison to retreat to the ropes with a heavy body attack. In the fourth round, Townsend stepped up his attack and Morrison started to wilt from the body shots.

In the fifth round, Townsend switched to the head and hurt Morrison enough for the referee to give him a standing eight count. John then forced the action with a relentless pursuit. A tremendous right to the side of Morrison's head prompted referee Milt Rickum to give Tracy another standing count. It was then that a volley of solid blows ended the fight as the referee stopped it at 2:58 of the fifth round.

Townsend has seemed to have found himself and has gained confidence. The win now gives Townsend a 9-6-0 ledger.

Milwaukee welterweight Bruck Finch (10-0-1) returned to action after a long layoff and easily kayoed Charles Walters of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the first round.

Billy Goodwin, Milwaukee (12-14-2) stopped Jim Thorpe of Bloomington, Ill. (1-4-0) in the third round of a jr. middleweight bout.

PeeWee Emerson, Cincinnati batamweight, won a six round decision over Madison, Wisconsin, lightweight Scott Anderson. (1-3-0).

Santos Rodriguez of Milwaukee (3-1-2-) outpointed Royce McKee of Milwaukee (0-1-1) in four rounds. They are lightweights.

▲St. Paul heavyweight Jim Beattie suffered a broken leg while training with Ron Lyle. It seems that both the big guys tumbled out of the ring with Lyle landing on, and breaking, Beattie's leg. This will cause a delay in Beattie's comeback.

Results of bouts of traveling fighters from this area. Milwaukee light heavyweight Johnny Townsend (9-7-0) dropped a ten-round decision to Marvin Johnson at Philadelphia. Minneapolis heavyweight Scott LeDoux (20-5-1) won a close ten round decision over Pedro Soto at the Garden in New York. At Phoenix, Ariz., Glenn Morgan (18-4-0) was kayoed by Edgar Wallace in the second of a light heavy bout. On the same show Mike Morgan, Richfield, Minn., middleweight was knocked out by Cole St. John of Los Angeles in the sixth round. Morgan is now 17-8-3. At London, England, Milwaukee welterweight Tom Tarantino (12-11-2) was knocked out in the first round by Ireland's Charlie Nash.

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O'GRADY CHOPS DOWN LARGE

By TOM PARKER

Staccato-punching Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City's little "Green Machine," with an eye on a world championship fight with current WBA champion Alfonso Zamora, disposed of the last, big obstacle between him and his ambition by pounding rugged, wily Earl Large into submission via a knockout 2:35 into the ninth round of their scheduled 15-rounder in Oklahoma City March 1.

The lethal-fisted teen-ager took the best his rangy opponent had to offer while stalking his prey through nine rounds of solid fighting before a short right hand dropped Large for the count. O'Grady floored the Clovis, New Mexico, battler four times enroute to his 39th kayo in 44 fights.

MOSLEY WINS NEVADA JR. MIDDLE TITLE

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Roxell "Rocky" Mosley, Jr. scored a unanimous decision, maintained his unbeaten record. . .and earned the title of Nevada State Junior Middleweight Champion. The event was the newest of Las Vegas boxing promotions: Tony Trudnich's monthly card at the Sahara Hotel Space Center.

Mosley, fighting at 152, far outclassed and outpointed his opponent, Jimmy Jackson, 149.

Jackson, known for his powerful left jab, was hampered from the first round by a cut over his right eye. The cut was sustained from Mosley's two left-right combinations.

Jackson managed to land some effective uppercuts in the middle rounds. . .and scored a powerful low blow in the ninth.

But he was no match for the faster Mosley, who sewed up the decision with some smashing rights in the final round.

In a blood-and-guts preliminary, Bruce Curry, 147, Los Angeles, pounded out a unanimous victory over Freddie Washington, also 147, of Los Angeles.

Both fighters were staggered in the fifth round, but Curry recovered to land some fierce combinations that won him the decision.

In a second preliminary, Jorge "Kid Dynamite" Morales, 138, of Los Angeles, proved worthy of his nickname, as he fought like fused dynamite to score a knockout at 1:28 of the sixth round in a scheduled ten rounder.

Morales' hapless opponent was Clarence Howard, 142, of Phoenix. Howard held up gamely under the fury of Morales' fists—but was unable to land effective counter punches at any time.

▲**The following Wednesday,** the Strip Fight of the Week featured a heavyweight main event between Jed Walls, 190, and David Martinez, 195. . .with Walls taking the unanimous decision.

It was Wall's fight all the way as he pounded at Martinez unmercifully, knocking him down twice in the sixth round.

Although a knockout seemed inevitable, Martinez staggered to his feet both times and held up throughout the eight brutal rounds.

Walls, counting on his 6'3" height advantage. . .and his long, left jab. . .kept Martinez off guard with incessant body punches. Martinez managed to counter with some hooks to the head and a few body blows, but he was no match for his taller and faster opponent.

In the first preliminary, Las Vegan Johnny Lira, 139, took a unanimous eight round victory over veteran Jimmy Ligons, 137½, of Los Angeles.

Ligons used some theatrical tricks—like bolo punches and hanging on the ropes—but Lira took command all the way. He used a right hand to floor Ligons in the second round, and dealt him a low blow in the fifth which delayed the fight momentarily.

Ligons was the most experienced opponent yet for Lira, whose record now stands at 8-0.

A second prelim proved to be a pier six type brawl as Fili Moala, a heavyweight native of Tonga, stopped Viaio Suafoa, 204, a native of Samoa, at 2:24 of the fourth round.

Moala, weighing 222, used his weight advantage and his brutal strength to send Suafoa staggering into the ropes by the third round. Moala's vicious hooks sent the Samoan through the ropes in the fourth round when the fight was stopped by referee Charley Roth.

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SCHUTTE OVER WEPNER IN JOBERG

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg — In a dull mauling fight over 10 rounds at the Wembley Stadium, S. African Mike Schutte outweighing Chuck Wepner by about 50 pounds won the decision. American Wepner, with a reputation for bleeding, was unmarked at the end of the contest. Schutte pounded away at the body, and except for an anxious moment in the ninth round when Wepner caught Schutte with a short right to the head, Schutte never looked to be in trouble.

The stadium lights went off in the last round due to spectators tripping over a cable. The boxers were instructed to keep moving by referee Stan Christodoulou.

Schutte showed more aggression, but many of his flaws were shown by the more experienced Wepner. Both boxers were guilty of infringements and also their constant locking in clinches caused the fans to describe the fight as "terrible."

Wepner thought he had won on the last two rounds, but paid tribute to the S. Afircan's body punching. Wepner's main fault was hitting his man behind the head. Schutte, who it is reported to be the man to box Muhammad Ali in Korea, was unimpressive.

Kosie Smith became the supreme or "all" S. African light heavyweight champion when he knocked out his black counterpart James "Dynamite" Mathatho in the fifth round. 10,000 fans roared with delight as Smith, who was behind on points at that stage and with the fight at 2 minutes 27 seconds in the round, caught Mathatho with a short left uppercut to the jaw. As Mathatho was sagging to the canvas a right to the side of the head put the end to any hopes of Mathatho rising.

Mathatho looked the winner in the early stages having Smith staggering and his face bloodied and nose bleeding, but Smith CAN HIT and that element is always possible when he is in the ring. Mathatho impressed with sharp left jabs and threw blows accurately and seldom missed. Mathatho was still on "queer street" 10 minutes after referee Peter Lock had tolled the fatal "10."

Harold Volbrecht, the white welterweight champion, repeated a 12 rounds points victory over challenger Johnny Sham. Sham was down in the fifth from body punches and staggering with punishing blows in the fourth, seventh and ninth round, but showed gameness in continuing. Volbrecht hits hard and fast, but not accurately.

Sydney Bensch defeated Cecil Kehane on points over 6 rounds in the middleweight division. It was a clear victory for Bensch, but his black opponent made Bensch miss with wild punches. Bensch's body work saw him gain the ascendancy, but his hooks to the body failed to stop his opponent.

▲**Durban** — 8,000 fans supported promoter Doug Dolan's "mixed" bill at the West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium. In one of the three main bouts Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini defended his black middleweight title by scoring a TKO over Morgan Moladi in the eleventh round. Moledi made Makhathini look unimpressive as he is an awkward customer, and although he won the tenth round he ran out of gas and was halted in the next.

Moledi's eye was closed due to "Tap Tap's" left hook, and he was down in the first and thrid rounds. Makhathini was made to look clumsy, and his left swings were wild.

Makhathini, who hopes to meet Carlos Monzon soon would be stopped on this showing and Monzon would pick up "easy dough."

Gert Steyn won the supreme or "all" S. African junior middleweight title by beating his black counterpart Gordon Goba on a TKO in the eleventh round. Goba was as tough as teak, took all that Steyn could give, and then came back for more.

Goba's left eye was closed and bleeding and Goba was down twice in the fifth, the second time the bell came to his rescue. Steyn, who was trying to make amends for his poor showing against Mike Nixon, employed every punch in the book, but Goba is the "iron man" of black fighters carried the fight to Steyn in the middle rounds although bruised and bleeding.

Doug Lumley, a promising middleweight with only eight fights under his belt, overcame the tactics of Maxwell Malinga who once held a high welterweight ranking, and Lumley won a close decision after 10 rounds. It was a grueling contest with Malinga pouring heavy leather to the body, and the taller Lumley using his right jab and crosses to advantage.

The fight was marred by the taller Lumely and shorter Malinga locking together and in the last two rounds Lumley edged ahead. Left hooks to the body and short hooks to the head swung the fight Lumley's way, but Malinga, who figured on a victory, was disappointed at the end. His "Ali shuffle" and taunting upset the taut Lumley who loosened up as the fight progressed.

Anthony "Blue Jaguar" Morodi, clearly the more experienced boxer outboxed a willing Wally Brown to win the four round junior lightweight bout on points.

Coenie Bekker shaded Zachariah Thabethe, 4, junior middleweights; Mark Melville, Pietermaritzburg's only pro, made his debut by stopping Aswan Simelane who failed to come out for the fourth, light heavyweights; Basil Douglas, in his first pro fight, TKO'ed Petrus Ngcobo, 3, welters.

▲**Pretoria** — Kallie Knoetze got revenge over Raul Gorosito of Argentina by outpointing him over 10 rounds at the Loftus Versveld Stadium before 12,000 fans. Knoetze almost threw victory away in this heavyweight fight in the ninth round when he let his hands drop and Gorosito seized the opportunity to throw a right—Knoetze landed on the canvas. He said later he did not see the punch, but only felt it. At the count of "6" by referee Stan Christodoulou, he shot to his feet and Gorosito rained blows on him. Another wild right and Knoetze was reeling and the bell sounded.

Knoetze, who was well ahead on points because of a relentless attack to upset the smooth punching Argentinian, tore into Gorosito in the last round with rights and lefts flying and drove Gorosito into the ropes with punches to the head and body.

LeCLAIRE SUPRISES OBED

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal — Just after a lapse of one month when he scored a unanimous decision over Canadian middleweight champion, Fernand Marcotte Jr. former world junior middleweight champion Elisha Obed (Nassau) made a return visit to box Jean Claude Leclaire (Montreal). As Marcotte had stopped Leclaire in a Canadian middleweight championship bout last December and Obed had an easy time in winning his unanimous decision over Marcotte, the odds-makers had Obed a big favorite to win over Leclaire. Much to the surprise of the more than 3,000 fans on hand, Obed had to give it all he had in the last three rounds of the ten round bout to pull out a draw. The decision had a mixed reaction amongst the fans and the press alike. Many were of the opinion that the local boxer had done enough to win the decision.

After a nervous first couple of rounds the twenty-one-year old Leclaire settled down and began to beat Obed to the punch. Each fighter weighed in at 160, and there was hardly any difference in height and reach, but the twenty-five-year-old Obed found that the punches of the young Montreal boxer carried a lot of sting and power. Referee Nick Nickalo may have been a little too cautious in the handling of the bout as he continually halted the proceedings to pry the boxers apart rather than instruct the contestants to fight their way out. Leclaire kept the pressure on Obed, and at the halfway mark it appeared that an upset was in the making. Obed was definitely having problems trying to untrack himself and get the upper hand of the aggressive Leclair.

At the end of six rounds and Obed returned to his corner there was very little doubt from the actions of his corner men that their man was in trouble and in grave danger of dropping the decision. In the seventh round Leclaire, who was now boxing strongly, continued to force the action with Obed moving faster in this round and scoring with clean crisp blows. He was unable to slow down his opponent to set him up for any heavy punch.

The final three rounds were fought at a very fast pace. Obed did a lot of good boxing in these rounds which no doubt caught the eye of the officials and saved the day for him.

The final decision handed down, a draw. The judges called it as follows, Judge Nadeau 48-45 Obed, Judge Pellerin 48-48 and Judge Mailhot 47-46 for Leclaire. Calling it on rounds the local press saw it 4-3-3 for Leclaire, while another had it 5-3-2 for Obed.

In the semi-final middleweight bout over ten Bonny Avila, the former Colombia boxer now fighting out of Montreal, KO'ed J. T. Dowe (Miami) at 1:59 of the fourth round. Avila (163½) decked Dowe (151) in the second round with a powerpacked right, and from then on in had complete control. Another hard right in the fourth decked Dowe for the full count.

Over eight rounds Gerald Bouchard (Montreal), 157, stopped J. G. Fillion (Quebec), 159¼, at 2:05 of the sixth round. Bouchard, who has shown considerable improvement in his recent bouts, had far too much power and punches for Fillion. The referee quite rightly halted the bout when Fillion was having problems defending himself in the sixth.

In a pair of six round bouts Cleveland Denny (Montreal), 138, and Bobby Hughes (Toronto), 139, ended in a draw. Hughes, who jumped into the ring wearing a black and gold Mexican sombrero, was the clown. He had no intentions of getting into close quarters with Denny, who chased him for the entire six rounds. For his 'no-hit' effort Hughes came up with a draw in a bout which was a complete bore to the fans.

Ron Pettigrew (Cleveland), 146½, won a decision over Michel Rouleau (Montreal), 138¾. The fans paid $43,275 at the gate for the show promoted by Regis Levesque.

▲Quebec City — In a ten round middleweight bout Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal), 162, stopped Paublo Rodriguez (Massachusetts), 155¾, in the fifth round. Leclair who was making his first appearance after being stopped in his Canadian middleweight championship bout by Fernand Marcotte, Jr. boxed extremely well. Pikcing his punches well and keeping Rodriguez at long range, Leclair scored with ease and wore his opponent down. After a punishing fourth round the referee visited Rodriguez in his corner to check on him. At the bell to start the fifth the bout was halted in favor of Leclair.

In the co-feature a newcomer to Montreal from Colombia, Bonificio Avila, 160, was too powerful for the veteran boxer from Brantford, Gary Broughton, 158, who was halted in eight rounds. In his first appearance in Canada Avila showed the fans "Bonny" is an aggressive fighter with power in both hands. His right hand punches to the head and body of Broughton took their toll and weakened the Brantford fighter. Avila intends to make his home here in Canada.

Over eight rounds after a long lay-off Marc Gervais (Hull), 147, won a decision over Frank Davila (Boston), 148. Gervais showed good form in winning the decision over Davila.

The real war on the card was the six round middleweight go between Rick Zabartany (Montreal), 156, and Jean Guy Binet (Quebec), 156. The two stood toe to toe and punched it out to the delight of the fans, and the split decision handed down went to Zabartany.

Cleveland Denny (Montreal) won his second pro bout with a decision over Ron Pettigrew (Cleveland) over six round lightweight bout.

▲Toronto — In the only pro bout on a pro-am card Bob Hughes (Toronto), 138, won an eight round decision over Ron Pettigrew (Cleveland), 147.

▲Toronto — Canadian & Commonwealth welterweight champion Clyde Gray, (Toronto), 148, took his time for the first four rounds of his bout with Al Romano (Boston), 153. In the fifth round Gray opened up and scored heavily to the body and head of Romano, who took an eight count late in the round. Romano failed to answer the bell for the sixth round.

In the only other pro bout on the card which was attended by about 500 fans, Damiano Pelligrino (Toronto) was forced to fight the full eight rounds before gaining the decision over veteran Dave Dittmar (New York).

ARKANSAS AMATEUR SHOW PROVES SUCCESS

By JOEL LIPSITT

Osceola, Arkansas — This observer along with 550 witnessed an action packed amateur card of 18 bouts sponsored by the Osceola Police and Fire Department.

In the best fight of the evening, a real pier six brawl, local favorite, Mike Butler, 115, received a highly disputed nod over visitor, Johnny Pascall, 120, Dyersburg, Tennessee. Butler, only 15 years old, began with a blistering pace by throwing rapid Joe Miceli left hooks for the entire first round. Midway during the second heat Butler ran out of gas and Pascall, who came to fight, caught Butler with three straight right hands which put Butler on queer street. In the final stanza, Pascall began to pour it on and had Butler on verge of a KO before the final bell. Both fighters received a standing ovation and each received a trophy for the "Best Fight" for their performance.

I believe a "diamond in the rough" was born as 16-year-old Osceola high school sophomore, Tony "Hurricane" Hollis, 106, won a unanimous decision over rough tough Eddie Rouse, 109, Jonesboro, who forced the action all the way. However, he was completely outgunned by Hollis' pin point punching which included an assortment of jabs, double hooks and perfectly timed right uppercuts. Hollis looked like a young Henry Armstrong.

In sensational style, local football star, Elroy "Mean Man" Brown, 186, poleaxed Charles Koldburg, 188, Chickasawba, in one round. A terrific right cross flush on the chin did the job. It was a full five minutes before Koldburg was able to leave the ring. Elton Dublin, 170, Chickasawba, had a fine evening as he participated in two bouts winning the first on a TKO in one round over Mike Gammons, 170, Dyersburg, and winning also his second contest on points over Travis Cantrell, 175, Jonesboro.

In other bouts most Osceola fighters faired quite well. Leon Craft, 77, decisioned Darren Brown, 76, Dyersburg, Harold Hollis, 78, decisioned Jimmy Mann, 80, Dyersburg, Randy Raley, 88, decisioned Kelly Duffle, 90, Jonesboro, L. K. Alexander, 120, decisioned Ben Williams, 120, McCrory, David Clark, 116, outpointed Robert Lark, 118, Chickasawba, Roosevelt Mourns, 130, got the close nod over Roger Bottoms, 135, McCrory. James Varnes, 150, edged out Martin Johnson, 155, Dyersburg, Dwayne Avory, 50, Dyersburg decisioned Jack Fields, 50, Chickasawba, Red Boone, 80, Dyesburg over Charles Edwards, 83, Osceola, Richie Gammons, 95, Dyersburg decisioned James Lark, 95, Chickasawba, Dan Akers, 170, Jonesboro, iced Thomas "Bad Boy" Hooks, 178, Osceola, in 1 round. David Fields, 84, Chickasawba, outpointed Ray Jones, 87, Osceola, and finally scrappy ever improving David Bell, 132, Chickasawba, edged out tough and game Charles Jones, 132, Osceola, in a grueling bout.

CHUVALO COMEBACK

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to pry the fighters apart. Both needed the rest, and at times they could have been holding each other up.

In the ninth round Chuvalo dropped Felstein for the first time. Regaining his feet at eight, Felstein was a sitting duck and Chuvalo decked him for the full count at the 1:22 mark of the round.

The result will not make any drastic changes in the world ratings in the heavyweight division, and both fighters are uncertain about their future.

Over eight rounds a pair of lightweights, Nicky Furlano (Toronto) and Ralph Racine (Buffalo), gave the fans a splendid exhibition of fast clever boxing. There were no knockdowns in this fine bout, and at the end it was Furlano chalking up his fourth win by a unanimous decision.

Two other pro heavyweights bouts were just for laughs as far as the fans were concerned. A pair of 'dudes' listed as from Buffalo made brief appearances in Toronto. Ron Rousella was the first to make a quick exit going out at the 1.13 mark of the opening round, the time included three trips to the canvas. Dave Darrell fared much better, he lasted just over two minutes of the first round against Chuck Finlay. Finley, a Jamaican now living in Toronto is 6′3″ and weighs 214. Rouselle, also new to Toronto, is 6′1″, and scales 208.

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MALVAREZ NEW ARGENTINE FEATHER CHAMP

By SIMON BRONENBERG

Willa Carlos Paz—Argentine flyweight champion Rodolfo Rodriguez beat Diego Vega Ramirez by a TKO in nine. Feathers: Orlando Lucero kayoed Angel Picon in six.

▲**Posadas:**In the lightweight class, Cirilo Ruiz outpointed Federico Oscar Godoy in 10.

▲In the welter division, Daniel Gonzalez whipped Carlos Casal, from Uruguary, in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba:** Hard punching middleweight Hugo Saavedra kayoed Ocavio Escauriza in the fourth round.

▲**Colon:** In the middleweight class, Luis Gimenez layoed Juan J. Ferreyra in second round.

▲**Etruria:** Oscar Aguero decisioned Billy Martins in six. (They are middles.)

▲**Willa Carlos Pas:** Argentine welter jr. champion Carlos Maria Gmenez won Carlos Eillalba by a TKO in five.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Juan Domingo Malvzrez is the new Argentine featherweight champion. Malvarez won easily in 12 rounds over Benicio Sosa.

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the flyweight class, Jose Ibiris kayoed Enrique Navarro in five.

▲**Guatimozin:** A good prospect in the feather division, Juan Carlos Alvarez layoed Julio Lopez in five.

▲Argentine heavy champion Raul Gorosito retained his crown against Antonio Musladino in 12 rounds. The veredict was a draw.

▲**Rio Tercero:** In the feather class, Ramon Gonzalez and Alberto Castillo drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Bolivar:** Hard puncher in the junior middleweight class Alfredo Cabral kayoed Juan Carlos Artaza in the third round.

▲**Turdera:** In the junior welter division, Hector Caceres beat Jorge Riveiro by a TKO in six.

▲**Azul:** In the feather division Antonion Olivetto decisioned Oscar Silva in 6.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche:** In the welter division Hector "Yeye" Hernandez and Ramon Perez drew in 10. **Flys:** Ramon Rodriguez outpointed Ruben Jara in 10 and **lights:** Luis Perez beat Raul Colombo in 10.

▲**Villa Mercedes:** in the light division Simon Escobar decisioned Ramon Araujo in 10.

▲**Dolores:** In the welter Jr. class Hugo Luero outpointed Abel Funes in ten hard fought rounds.

▲**Villa Carlos Pas:** Undefeated in the bantam division, Sergio Palma and Gilberto Lopez, Uruguay champion, drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Villa Carlos Pas:** In the fr. welter class, Julio Quevedo decisioned Rodolfo Madriaga in 10.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** Argentine light champion Nicolas Arkuzsyn and Luis Zuñiga drew in 10. Zuñiga is from Chile.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** In the bantam class Carlos Betbeder whipped Emilio Diaz in eight roungs.

▲**Acebal:** Armando Bustos kayoed Julio C. Gaitan in second round. They are lights.

▲**Posadas:** The light division Ramon Moreyra won Roque Galvan by a TKO in five.

▲**Pergamino:** Undefeated in the middle class Carlos M. Flores kayoed Andres Devia in six.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Argentine welter champion Miguel Angel Campanino outpointed Miguel Angel Fernandez in 10, a non-title about.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Undefeated in the feather class, Ramon Dominguez beat Antonio Razzo by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**Rio Tercero:** In the flyweight class, Ramon Pasero won over Alberto Martin in 10.

▲**Mar de Ajo:** Hector Uviedo decisioned Julio Paletta in 10. They are junior middleweights.

▲**Parana:** In the junior middle class, Oscar A. Ayala beat Luis Sosa in 10.

▲**Arroyito:** Oscar Albarracin kayoed Luis Ibarra in fourth. (Lights.)

▲**Willa Carlos Paz:** In the lightweight class Oscar "Cachin" Mendez decisioned Miguel Figueroa in 10 and in the feather division Orlando Lucero kayoed Alejandro Flores in the second round.

▲**Arrecifes:** Undefeated in the middle class, Jose M. Flores outpointed Raul Antonio Paez and lightweighter Roberto Ayala beat Hugo Diaz in six.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Undefeated flyweight Ramon Soria beat Carlos Escalante by a medical decision in seventh round. In the Jr. middle division Tito Yanni outpointed Pablo Ferreyra in eight rounds.

▲**Santa Fe:** In the welter class Carlos M. del Valle Herrera stopped Leonardo Chazarreta by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**Hernando:** Facundo Villalba kayoed Rafael Zalazar in seventh round. They are junior lightweights.

▲**Dolores:** In the middleweight division, Alberto Araugo whipped Hector Quinteros in 10 rounds.

▲**Sampacho:** In the middleweight class, Jose Alberto Vega halted Nelson Torres, from Chile by a disqualification in 6th round.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz:** In the welter Jr. division Jose I. Funes won Julio Andrada in 10 rounds.

▲**Rosario:** In the feather class local champion Ruben Granadoes beat Rodolfo Calderolli in 10. **Welters:** Hugo Quiroga and Eduarado Pereyra drew in six.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Argentine welter Jr. champion Carlos Maria Gimenez beat Walter Gomez by a TKO in fifth round and retained his crown. In the same class, Miguel A. Garcia won Juan Garay by a TKO in fourth.

▲**Cordoba:** Argentine champion in the bantam division, Julio C. Saba decisioned Angel "Mini" Zalazar in 12 rounds and retained title.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** In the flyweight class, Miguel Lazarte outpointed Jose Lores in 10.

▲**Cañada de Gomez:** Ricardo Magallanes whipped Raul Paz. They are welters.

▲**Necochea:** I Angel Lois Fernandez beat Alberto Martin in ten. Flyweights.

▲**San Juan:** For the local bantam title, Rolando Lahoz beat Raul "Nico" Perez in twleve.

▲**Santa Fe:** In the middle Jr. division Jacinto Fernandez dicisioned brasiliam Juarez de Lima in 10 rounds.

▲**Tucuman:** Argentine light champion Nicolas Arkuzsyn beat Manuel Lopez in ten. Non title bout.

▲**Trenque Lauquen:** In the middle Jr. division, hard puncher Alfredo H. Cabral beat Alfredo Cicopiedi by a TKO in five.

▲**Roque Saenz Peña:** In the feather division Julio Alegre stopped David Gonzalez in the fourth round by a medical decision.

▲**Canals:** Luis Sosa beat Juan C. Solomón in 10. They are welters Jr.

▲**Corrientes:** In the welter division Romulo Ibarra outpointed Epifanio Pavon in ten.

▲**Monte:** In the welter class Julio Priano kayoed Ramon Osuna in seventh.

▲**General Pinedo:** In the welter class Juan C. Morales kayoed Tony Gonzalez in first round and in the welter jr. division Cirilo Ruiz beat Ruben Maurente by a TKO in five.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz:** Southamerica champion in the middle Jr. class Esteban Osuna whipped Alberto Almiron in 10.

▲**Mendoza:** In the light class Juan de Dios Acosta whipped Ramon Araugo in 10 rounds.

▲**Tandil:** Undefeated heavyweight Norberto Fiori kayoed Carlos Jesus Sosa in eighth. Sosa died four days later.

▲**Mar del Plata:** Argentine and South America champion in the Junior lightweight divison, Victor Echegaray beat Ramon Gonzalez by a disqualification in third round and retained his Argentine crown.

▲**Santa Fe:** In the welter class, Daniel Gonzalez decisoned Brazilian Expedito Alencar in ten rounds.

▲**Rosario:** In the middle division Octavio Escauriza and Hugo Obregon drew in ten.

▲**Cordoba:** In the bantam class, Jose Casas and Gilberto Lopea, from Uruguay, drew in ten rounds.

▲**Roque Sanez Peña:** In the light division, Oscar Alvarenga kayoed Juan Carlos Acosta in eight.

▲**Villa Maria:** In the light division, Gregorio Villavicencio decisioned Facundo Villalba in ten.

▲**Cañada de Gomez:** In the Jr. middle class, Rogelio Zarza and Antonio Lopez drew in 10.

▲**Bolivar:** Undefeated in the lightweight class, Jesus Romero beat Antonio Ross in 10 rounds.

▲**San Juan:** In the heavyweight class, Hugo Quinteros won Ruben Gonzalez in 10.

▲**San Luis:** In the light division, Abraham Valenzuela decisioned Ramon Duarte in 10.

▲**Trelew:** Argentine feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez outpointed Rual Colombo in 10, a non-title bout.

▲**Tucuman:** In the Jr. middle class, Carlos Peralta beat Roque Roldan in 10.

▲**Charata:** In the welter class Ramon Tevez beat Carlos Garcia by a TKO in five.

▲**Mendoza:** Argentine Jr. middle champion Manuel Gonzalez defeated Hugo Saavedra in 10. Non-title bout.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz:** In the welter division, Ramon Perez outpointed Omar Zarza in ten.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** In the flyweight division Miguel Lazarte decisioned Ricardo Gomez in 10.

▲**Azul:** Lightweight Angel Olivetto beat Hugo Diaz by a TKO in five by a medical decision.

▲**Rio Tervero:** In the lightweight class, Oscar Barrios and Miguel Figueroa drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Santa Fe:** In the lightheavy class, Ruben Zamarro kayoed Juan C. Navarro in second round.

▲**Salta:** In the feather class, Hipolito Nuñez won Modesto Gomez in 10.

▲**Mar del Plata:** A good prospect in the lightweight division, Mario Ortiz beat Miguel Maldonado by a TKO in fourth. In the middle class Guillermo Armani beat Natalio Ibarra in eight rounds.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz:** Argentine feather champion Juan D. Malvarez decisioned Miguel Escobares in 10. Non title bout.

▲**Mendoza:** Argentine middle champion Hugo Corro outpointed Rodolfo Rosales in 10, a non-title

▲**Cipoletti:** In the junior middleweight class, Rogelio Zarza outpointed Luis Salvucci in 10.

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the flyweight class, Ramon Soria whipped Angel Lois Fernandez in 10. In the Jr. welter division undefeated Hugo Luero beat Agustin Romero by a TKO in fourth round.

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Skinner. Battersea. 139. the bout being stopped in the second with Skinner on the receiving end.

PENN CLOBBERS SULLIVAN

By KELLY NICHOLSON

Lacey, Washington — Fans at St. Martin's Pavilion enjoyed Inigo Luchessi's action-packed 4-bout card of professional boxing which saw Portland's Daryl Penn, 153, score a stunning upset knockout of favored John L. Sullivan. With his second round stoppage of the Olympia fighter, Penn rocketed himself into serious contention for top honors among the best middleweights of the Pacific Northwest.

A fast-paced opener matched Seattle's Tommy Howard, 165, with younger brother Bobby. Clad in headgear at 161, the latter Howard arose from a first round knockdown and returned many a flurry in the generous 4-round exhibition which soon took on proportions of sibling rivalry. A preliminary announcement was that Tommy would seek a bout with the evening's main event winner.

Portland's fighting Sullivan brothers supplied fine, if abbreviated, action to the undercard as Johnny, 156½, dispatched B.C.'s Las Vegas in the third round before Tommy, now 7-0, uncorked a left hook which sprawled Renton's Al Neuman in the first. Boxing in classic upright stance and spotting Vegas some nine pounds, the older Sullivan rocked his foe with a left hook in round three and sent him to the floor with a two-handed volley. A hook to the body finished Les seconds later, making Johnny's pro mark 2-0. At 180,' 19-year-old Tommy blasted 195-pound Neuman to the canvas in a manner which prompted ref Pat McMurtry to call a halt at 1:23 of the opening round as the amazed Renton fighter, on leaving the ring, appeared to have sustained a leg injury in his abrupt fall.

The feature event was a shock in its conclusion as Penn first staggered the shorter John L., 155, with an overhand right mid-way in the second and added several more which had the veteran near collapse. The southpaw fighter made his feet after a first knockdown only to be dropped again by a wicked left, whereafter stumbling backward and rubber-kneed to his corner he was spared further effort. Comprising with the Portland Sullivans a part in Mike Morton's pugilistic stable, Penn now stands 8-3 and looks ahead to fights of greater importance.

▲Seattle, Wash. — Global Productions returned to the Seattle Center Arena with a crowd-pleasing card of professional boxing which rematched Everett's Ibar Arrington with veteran Joe 'King' Roman. The fast-paced main event saw Roman avenge a split decision October loss by edging the tough and willing hometown fighter in the same manner. The bout's score appeared to reflect Roman's greater punching accuracy in frequent trading, while many felt no less that Ibar's aggressiveness should have evened the tally.

A hard-fought preliminary saw Portland's James Williams, 166, outlast Willie Baldwin of Seattle as Williams floored his opponent with a right hand in the fifth and stopped Willie, 161, in the following round.

Dale Grant, 176, held his own with taller Marvin Camel of Montana in a 10 round contest of light heavies. Spotting the Missoula southpaw a couple of pounds and several inches in reach, Grant, of Tacoma, fared well in the exchantes and held an edge in power which accounted for the judges' draw verdict.

As a featured four round exhibition, brothers Mike and Jerry Quarry mixed sans headgear in a show which won rousing appreciation at its end. Light heavyweight Mike had suggested a Seattle bout of some significance for himself in the near future, while the elder Quarry has become associated in a promotional capacity with Global Productions and affiliates.

Roman, 195, fought much in the manner of his previous showing, punching in occasional flurries and often content to barricade himself against the looping shots of free-swinging Ibar. At 197½, Arrington managed to score in spots with his stick-and-move jab, but faded somewhat in the climactic ninth and tenth round exchanges. The Puerto Rican fighter admitted afterward to some distress in taking a seventh round uppercut to the chin.

Bitterly disappointed by the resulting decision, Everett's sailor denied any need of a third try at Roman, though a rubber match may not be out of the asking. Fans numbering 3,620 paid an estimated $24,000 for the night's fare; main event ref was Pat McMurtry.

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▲Portland, Oregon — In a rematch of popular and highly regarded middleweights, Californian Rudy Cruz repeated his January performance by outpointing tough Joe Gonzalves of Oakland. Stout and heavily muscled at 160, bald and bearded Gonzalves once again proved a worthy opponent, but had obvious trouble landing on the tall, shifty lefthander from the same town.

A brisk six round exhibition performance was well received by fans at Multnomah County Exposition Center as Larry Smith, of Tacoma, and Portland's James Williams sparred on near-even terms in the show's opener.

Curtis Ramsey, 136, scored a unanimous decision over 137 pound Vincent Hernandez, of California. Ramsey is another in Mike Morton's promising stable of Portland fighters.

Johnny Sullivan scored his third straight knockout in as many professional fights with a thrilling stoppage of newcomer Freddie Larza. Leaner at 147 than his young foe, Larza fought in crouching peek-a-boo style moving time and again into Sullivan's two-fisted attack. A left hook to the body followed by a right uppercut and left to the head in fine combination dropped Freddie in the first. Sullivan scored impressively with hooks and uppercuts to the body and head in succeeding rounds, while the game Latin fighter lunged ahead to connect with some good shots of his own. A blasting left hook felled Larza for keeps at 1:32 of round five.

Conspicuous in his absence from the card was Sullivan's 19-year old brother Tom, currently 7-0, who will probably be available for Sam Singer's next program. Singer expressed hope as well that John and opponent Larza could be rematched, while speculation continues that Cruz may soon be paired with Portland's Mike Colbert.

KOBAYASHI HALTS OKUBO IN COMEBACK

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Dethroned by Um Dong-Kyun is 15 chasing rounds in Korea last November, Royal Kobayashi, ex-WBC junior featherweight leader, engaged in a comeback go with Jun'ichi Okubo, Osaka, at Shiga Prefectural Gymnasium. A sellout crowd of 2,700 witnessed Kobayashi lopsidedly batter the local favorite in the breadbasket and finish him in the seventh session. It was Kobayashi's first fight since he had begun to be coached by Eddie Taunsend, U.S. veteran trainer. The winner, hitherto a wild swinger, appeared to improve his style by displaying short punches so effectively as to make Okubo's footwork fade, as the contest progressed. In the tune-up battle to meet fleet-footed Yum again, Kobayashi entered the ring at 123¾, one pound heavier than the former Shingin-o victor. In a semi-final eight, Osamu Yoshiyama, 107, lost to Sueo Taniguchi, 105½. Yutaka Sato, 110½, decisioned Hide Inagaki, 112, in six.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Another man on a serious comeback after an upset kayo by Kimio Furezawa two months ago is lefty Shoji Oguma, ex-WBC flyweight titlist. Oguma found a formidable opponent in Kim Sung-Joon, Korea's junior flyweight ruler, and the Japanese, amazingly, hit the canvas from Kim's solid right in the opening session, but managed to dominate later rounds to gain a unanimous nod in ten. Kim, a peekaboo stylist, suddenly turned loose midway in the first round, throwing a vicious combo followed by a good right at Oguma's chin. After Oguma arose at the mandatory eight count, he grew cautious against his shorter and smaller rival. In the second, third and sixth rounds, the lefthander nailed Kim at the ropes, tossing a strong rally exclusively at the body to pile up points. In the last four rounds they fought on even terms except for the eighth, when Oguma socred with straight punches at the midsection. Official scores were: referee Sasaki 48-45, judges Ugo 48-46 and Morita 48-45. Nervous-looking Oguma, 25, weighed in at 107¾ to Kim's 108 pounds. The close win brought the southpaw to 28-5 (16 knockouts), while the Korean suffered his third loss against 14 wins.

In a supporting ten, Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto, JBC top feather contender, at 126, showed a vanted body bombardment to sink Tatsunoshin Ishimi, No. 9 at 125¼, in the seventh canto. Nemoto's body punches punished Ishimi until he fell.

Hurricane Teru, 121½, won from Ikko Kitagaki, a quarter pound heavier, in eight speedy rounds.

Some 1,700 customers were in attendance.

▲The biggest crowd of the year estimated at 2000, gathered at Korakuen Hall to witness the All-Japan finals of the annual Shinjih-o (novice king) tournaments, which consisted of nine bouts between local winners of West and East Nippon Districts. The happy victors all were combatants from the Eastern block, covering Tokyo and Yokohama; where most of fistic cards had been staged. But the loser from Osaka and Nagoya fought scrappy battles despite their failure to pass 'The Gate of Rookie.' JBC is scheduled to list following winners at the 10th spot in every class in its next offical ratings, giving them opportunities to face name JBC contenders.

Junior flyweight: Aggressive Torayuki Murakami, 108, outscored Satoru Momoi, 107¼, hitherto unbeaten in seven outings, in six.

Flyweight: Bazooka (Odajima) Shoji, 112, barely won the final from lefty Masanobu Takano, 111¼, as he fought an additional round positively after six see-saw round, which JBC officials called a split draw.

Bantamweight: Undefeated hope Hiroo Anan, 118, impressively scored a first round kayo over Eiji Jamada, 110½, and was named 'Best Shinjin-o Winner.' Anan, 21, upped his record to 8-0-1 with six knockouts.

Junior featherweight: Speedsters, both with unblemished records, put on action in six give-and-take frames, with Takao Kawaguchi, 122, seizing a hairline upset decision from Shin'ichi Aoki, 121¾ and from Osaka, in a crowd-pleasing contest.

Featherweight: Rugged Kesaharu Tsuruta, 125½, won a unanimous duke over Kojiro Sasaki, defensive Nagoya fighter, 124½, in six monotonous rounds, though this card was the main event for a televised hour.

Junior lightweight: Mitsuo Kobayashi was only victor without fighting, for his rival hiroshi Nishihara, Hiroshima, could not enter the ring due to physical injuries.

Lightweight: In the most action-packed bout that night, Chitose Yamaguchi, 135, survived two knockdowns in the first stanza, came back hard with rubber legs and flattened Yoshikatsu Momoi, 133 pounds, in the third round.

Junior welterweight: Tsugio Tanaka, 139 pounds, decisively defeated Kanesoe Fujimura, Osaka, 138, in six close rounds.

Welterweight: Southpaw Kan'ichiro Takase outpunched Noboru Kogita, Kobe, to earn a unanimous decision in six. Each scaled 147 pounds.

Welterweight: Utilizing his superior physique, Katsuo Esashi, 160, whipped Eiichiro Nakau, 3¾ pounds lighter, to take the decision.

▲TOKYO — Despite two knockdowns in the tenth and final round, some 1,200 spectators were disappointed at Ryu Sorimachi's easy-going performance, which resulted in a onesided decision from awkward non-stop rookie Minoru Ono, ex-Shinijin-o winner at 153 pounds, at Korakuen Hall.

Ryu, Orient champ who had registered nine defenses at the age of 29, appeared to be content only to show his defensive ability, averting aggressive Ono's monotonously repeated one-twos in the first two sessions. From the third to fifth round Ryu, 154, counterpunched the less experienced man with short rights to the temple to take the lead. However Ono, a short-haired guy with a 7-3-1 record, dominated the seventh round, forcing the veteran to backpedal and cover up. In the eighth and ninth rounds, neither scored clear points. With well-timed rights Ryu dropped Ono twice in the tenth but failed to tab another knockdown and an automatic stoppage, only heightening the crowd's booing. Official scoresheets proved the affair an obvious mismatch with 49-43 and double 49-44.

In a co-feature tenner, Chuji Muto, JBC No. 8 junior flyweight piloted by Fighting Harada, beat lefty Tohru Miki, a quater-pound lighter at 107¼, by a unanimous decision.

Free-swinging Tadashi Akiyama, 131¾, who had to retire midway in a Shinjin-o local final with Tsuruta because of a streaming gash last December, easily halted Hisami Suzuki, 131, in three.

▲TOKYO — Buffalo Suzuki, self-defense athletic school graduate at 141 pounds, finished off Kazunori Shiratori, Nagoya and a quater-pound lighter, with one second left in the second session at Korakuen Hall. Suzuki, full of power at his arms in spite of the immature science, swarmed over the losing runner Kazu from the start, dropping him with wild rights as soon as the second session commenced. Another visit to the canvas by Shiratori and the combat was over.

In a semi-final eight, Tadao Hatano, 120¼, scored a good kayo over Bunji Ando, upright stylist at 120¾, in five rounds. Some 1,200 fans were in attendance at Korakuen Hall here.

▲NAGOYA — Local prospect Yoshiharu Suga, 110¾, who had moved down into the junior flyweight class after an upset triumph from Shinjin-o winner Hiroyuki Kanda last year, suffered a bad knockout at the hand of Ryuji Iwamoto, 110½, from Yonekura Club of Tokyo, in the eighteh round at Fukigami Hall. After onesided proceedings, Ryuji threw a fine combo and dropped Suga three times and out, disturbing the JBC top contender's schedule to meet champion Kazunori Tenryu this spring.

▲OSAKA — Straight puncher Okihiro Kiyokawa, who seized the Shinjin-o honor with a hairline nod from the above-mentioned Twamoto last March in Sakai City, was held to a draw by Fumihiko Tanaka, 111¾, in 10 heats at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Kiyokawa, half a pound lighter, is rated No. 5 in the 108-pound division by JBC.

▲The most stunning news must be that Musashi (Toshifumi) Goto died eleven days after being kayoed in the final round of a scheduled sixer supporting a national lightweight title card, Negishi v.s. Ito, southern Hofu City of Honshu Island. The unconscious Goto, 22, was immediately hospitalized, but died from brain hemorrhage. Goto had compiled a 4-1 record and was regarded as a bright puncher, with three knockouts. He hit the deck with the occipital part badly to become the twelfth man to pass away from ring injury in Nippon in 50 years.

The Japan Boxing Association, headed by Hitoshi Misako, concluded following items after an emergency meeting in Tokyo.

1-The gloves used by less experienced four-round boxers should be changed from the current six ounce ones to eight ounces.

2-The canvas of the ring should be thickened with felt, one inch in thickness. The JBC will make a trial of using the new canvas at Korakuen Hall and have it spread in local districts.

3-An insurance system should be revived since before the JBC had split years ago. The Association announced to make it mandatory for all professional boxers under JBC to be insured with the licences given to them. The reporter, seeing the JBA's serious efforts, thinks that health control cannot be emphasized too much in order to maintain this sport properly.

▲Up-and-coming Takao Maruki, 131¾, and top contender in the junior lightweight class, proved too strong, tossing a wicked body punch and collapsing lefty Iwao Murakami, 132½, in the sixth round at Nagoya Public Hall. Maruki, aggressor all the way, stretched his winning streak to eight since being decisioned by Susumu Okabe fr the JBC title in 1976.

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ANTUOFERMO STOPS HART

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up with a series of five straight three-punch combinations that sent the Cyclone down for the count of eight. One more of Vito's now famous 1-2-3's put Hart out of it for keeps. Cyclone left the ring under his own power after cooling it for about fifteen minutes.

It's hard to determine whether the Antuofermo-Hart battle should have been the curtain raiser or the main event because the two other televised bouts ranged from pitiful to plain lousy. The space filler produced an overweight heavy (245) from Philadelphia named Tex Cobb who looked more like Baby Huey with an afro than anyone else, against an out of shape (if he's ever been in shape) heavyweight from Brooklyn named Tyrone Harlee (208). A five punch Harlee attack (I wouldn't dare call it a combination) produced a cut over one of Cobb's eyes. The cut looked much worse than it really was. Evidently Harlee's five punch attack stripped him of all of his octane, because although he had Cobb bleeding, from then on he ran from one side of the ring to the other in the hope that Cobb would pass out trying to catch him, or more realistically, bleed to death.

Cobb did neither. When he finally caught up with Harlee in the second round he was too tired to throw any punches, so he pushed him down. Harlee, enjoying the respite, not to mention the convenience of no longer being on his tired feet, fell asleep on the canvas from exhaustion. It was fifteen minutes before he got up, let alone left the ring.

The main event pitted another Brooklynite, Eddie Gregory, against Matt Franklin of Philadelphia. These two 175 pounders produced a dull fight. There were four exciting moments in this encounter:

1. While receiving instructions from the referee, Gregory and Franklin imitated two love struck Eskimos by rubbing noses and SMILING.

2. As early as the first round Gregory found out that Franklin is a fickle lover as a sneak right hand deposited him on the seat of his lavender velvet trunks. Gregory, who was more embarrassed than hurt, spent the remainder of the fight trying to punish Franklin for his ifidelity.

3. Gregory's beautiful lavender velvet trunks that never seem to stay up had to be assisted by a pair of green velvet ones borrowed from Vito Antuofermo mid-way through the bout. You don't want to get caught with your pants down on television, do you?

4. The series rule is that their will be NO DRAWS. If the bout winds up as a draw at the end of the regulation 10 rounds, one more round will be fought by the contestants. Inasmuch as there was no mention of an extra round at the end of the scheduled 10, we could only assume that we had a winner and a loser. The excitement here was which official was going to have the guts to pick a winner?

The rest is history. Eddie Gregory won the fight by virtue of his aggressiveness via split decision. A happy Gregory stated after the fight that he knew he had won it because the other guy didn't do anything but run. No matter.

BLANCO COPS NOD OVER OCHOA

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.

Cartagena — William Blanco gained Fernando Ochoa by unanimously defeating Fernando Ochoa in eight frames. Colombians, lightweights.

Leonidas Aspirilla knocked out Jairo Ortega, lightweights, in three.

Miguel Betruz kept his vacant junior welter throne of Colombia by unanimously decisioning Reinaldo Chico, in 12 rounds.

Alfonso Perez is the new Colombian lightweight champion. Perez showed his experience in copping a close but unanimous decision in 12 hot rounds over Pedro Acosta.

In another schedule, Ruben Valdez decisioned Jorge Mirand, superbantam, in ten.

Zenon "Puyanube" Silgado, Colombia, beat Antonio Amaya, Panama, TKO 7, lightweights.

Alvaro Miranda TKO'ed Cristobal Torres, bantams.

Victor Pacheco decisioned feather Rigoberto Pertuz in eight.

Alfonso Perez, who won the Colombian lightweight title last month, made his first defense outscoring Francisco "Yata" Durango over 12 rounds.

Nestor Carlos "Baba" Jimenez decisioned Ricardo Cardona, superbantams.

Henry Martinez won in eight, decision, over Amalio Salgado, Jr. lightweights.

Carlos Mejia triumphed over Mateo Valdes in six, welters.

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HAROLD WESTON

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he becomes silent. They pass, and there's no conversation between them.

"The night before a fight I'm very relaxed," says Weston. "I've done so much fighting in the street and in the ring that it's just a pasttime to me. Others feel nervous and can't sleep at night, but sometimes I even forget I have to sleep.

"Right before a match some guys try to put fear into me by giving me hard looks," continues Weston. "But they're trying to build confidence in themselves. I just say 'What's happening?' and go about my business; I know they're going to get beat up."

The bell rings and Weston's opponent, a sturdy Puerto Rican with quick feet, circles cautiously. Weston beckons with his right glove. "Come on," he urges.

The opponent throws a few punches to the body, then backs off warily. Weston throws few punches the rest of the round. When the bell rings, Weston again urges, "Come on, beat on me."

"I work on everything," Weston says. "There'll be times in a fight I've got to be on defense and look good doing it. That's why George Foreman's no good," Weston continues. "In sparring he doesn't practice getting hit; he always takes the offensive. So when Ali hit him, he went down."

In round two Weston becomes more aggressive. In the first part of the round he whips a lot of quick jabs; later he switches to body punches and combinations.

"I've been around so long," says Weston, "I know more than any fighter my age in the world. I grew up with champions and contenders around me. When they fight me, they're not fighting just Harold Weston; they're fighting Emile Griffith and all the other guys who have taught me."

In the third round Weston really takes the offensive and at times seems to be almost running after his opponent. Later he backs into a corner, gets hit once or twice, and unleashes some wicked counter punches to the body and head.

"I'm very easy to manage," says Weston, "because I have so many different styles. If I'm fighting a boxer, I can punch; if I'm fighting a puncher, I can box or counterpunch and go to the body.

"Too many fighters today are robots," he continues. "They fight only one pattern. You fight two or three rounds with them and you know all they're going to do."

After the third round, Weston's opponent leaves the ring and Weston shadowboxes for two rounds. He removes his gloves, picks up his radio, which had been playing at ringside, and heads for the heavy bag, which he pounds for a few rounds.

Then it's over to the speed bag—radio in hand—for a few more rounds before ending the workout with a series of exercises on a wooden bench.

"I love training," says Weston. "I love getting up in the morning and being able to run five or six miles.

"When I'm training I think of only one thing: success," he continues. "I keep telling myself I can be champion of the world."

After completing his exercises Weston heads for the training table. Emile Griffith, the 38-year-old ex-welterweight and -middleweight champion, bounces in exuberantly, sights Weston, and strides over to the table. The two banter and laugh uproariously for a few minutes before Griffith looks for other mischief.

"I still remember the day as a kid that I decided to become a professional boxer," recalls Weston. "Griffith had won the welterweight title, and he brought the championship belt into the gym. I dreamt of all that publicity, and being on television, and I've wanted the title since."

Weston also likes the money. A title shot would net over $100,000, and there should be more big paydays to come. He seems prepared to handle his finances. He's already graduated from an I.B.M. training school, is about to receive an accounting degree, and plans on studying business administration.

"I want to learn how to manage my money," he says. "It's time for my father to stop working."

His father, Harold Weston, Sr., a housekeeper at Harlem Hospital, was responsible for getting Weston interested in boxing in the first place and has doubled as his trainer ever since.

"Every child owes it to his parents to try to support them," adds Weston. "I also want to leave money to my children and to my children's children and to their children. You're not going to be able to take it with you."

Although he ultimately wants the fame and the status that go with being a successful boxer, Weston now leads what some would consider a Spartan existence. He wakes up at 6:30 to run in Central Park, selects his foods very carefully, does not socialize at night, and is in bed by 11:30.

"I know it's all going to be there when I'm on top," he says. "But now I've got to be into my career 24 hours a day. I have no time to boogie, to go out to clubs and indulge. I explain to girls how life is with me," he continues. "No finger-popping, no nightclubs, no partying, nothing like that. They say it's okay, they can cope, but as soon as they find out what it's really like they can't deal with it."

Weston showers and changes. It's well after 7 now, and the gym is empty. He offers me a lift home in his Cougar, picks up his handbag and radio, and we walk over to the elevator.

Our hollow steps on the floor boards are now the only sound. As Weston presses the elevator button and steps in through the sliding door, he shoots the Muhammad Ali poster one parting glance.

READ THE RING

ESPADAS IS IDOL

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Juan Jose Guzman in two rounds and place himself in the very doorstep of Al Lopez's championship.

Tragedy again interrupted Espadas' brilliant trajectory. While training for the Lopez fight, a large piece of wood fell on his head in the gym. The accident put his promising career in danger and Yucatan was trembling. . .

Life had taught Guty to wait, learn by misfortunes and strengthen his faith. Six months later he came back to reconquer the lost ground. His return could not have been more astonishing and sensational. In less than one round, with a powerful blow, he put Costa Rican Orlando Hernandez to sleep, a fighter who had never before been knocked out.

The big arrival to glory took place on October 2, in the memorable fight when he turned Al Lopez to dust in the 13th round.

Some of his followers say that Guty Espadas goes into the ring each time as if he has to fight a world war. It is the only way we have to explain why so many critics who did not know him before, are now writing such eloquent words about the Yucatan idol.

Of Beto Rivero's disciple, we cannot say that he is as stylish in the ring or as intellectual in his boxing, as his fellow fighter Miguel Cantos is. But, neither is he the gladiator who does not have sufficient stamina and technical knowledge and must jump into the ring only as a slugger, without signs of pauses, without a definite plan.

Guty Espadas is a boxer, and a good one. He can box and knows how to box better than he needs to, considering his exceptional punch for his size and weight.

Those who judge Guty Espadas for his fight with Al Lopez only have to be surprised at the boxing progress he has made since then. In that fight, he was obliged to adopt a fighting plan thought to be suicidal, to go over a more experienced Lopez and obtain the long dreamed of crown.

Today, the young man whose career was in danger only a year ago, is the flyweight champion of the world in the eyes of the WBA and shares honors with Miguel Canto, the WBC's champion. Espadas is clearly an idol for the fans.

Far back he has left the poor life and sacrifices of his infancy, the various setbacks by accidents and fist fractures and misfortune that at one time endangered his future. He is a clean and sharp boy now, a real example for youngsters at only 22 years of age. He does not drink, smoke, nor waste energy on night life.

Guty has taken the big step from obscurity to glory: from a modest economy, to opulent riches. One might say that in the Yucatan the fans are living with Espadas in a jubilant atmosphere of a honeymoon.

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